

# TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

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## SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF

JOHN D. ROSS

DECEASED, PLAINTIFF,

VERSUS

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEFENDANT.

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(27,155)

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

OCTOBER TERM, 1919.

No. 400.

GEORGE G. LAMOTTE AND ANNA MARX LAMOTTE,  
APPELLANTS,

vs.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT.

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a Pleas and Proceedings in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, at the December Term, 1918, of said Court, before the Honorable John E. Carland and the Honorable Kimbrough Stone, Circuit Judges, and the Honorable James D. Elliott, District Judge.

Attest:

[SEAL.]

E. E. KOCH,

*Clerk of the United States Circuit Court  
of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.*

Be it remembered that heretofore, to-wit: on the eighth day of February, A. D. 1918, a transcript of record pursuant to an appeal allowed by the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma, was filed in the office of the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, in a certain cause wherein George G. LaMotte, et al., were Appellants, and the United States of America was Appellee, which said transcript was prepared, printed and certified by the Clerk of said District Court in pursuance of an Act of Congress approved February 13, 1911, and thereafter on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1918, a transcript of record pursuant to an appeal allowed by the said District Court was filed in the office of the Clerk of the said Circuit Court of Appeals in a certain cause wherein the United States of America was Appellant and George G. La Motte, et al., were Appellees, which latter transcript was prepared and printed under the rules of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, under the supervision of its Clerk.

Said transcripts are in the words and figures following, to-wit:

1 & 2

*Citation.*

The United States of America, to the United States of America.  
Greeting:

You are hereby cited and admonished to be and appear in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, at the City of St. Louis, Missouri, sixty days from and after the day this citation bears date, pursuant to an appeal allowed and filed in the Clerk's office of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma, wherein George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, are Appellants, and you are appellee, to show cause, if any there be, why the decree rendered against the said George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, appellants, as in said appeal mentioned should not be corrected, and why speedy justice should not be done the parties in that behalf.

Witness, the Honorable John H. Cottrell Judge of the District



Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma this 21st day of November, A. D. 1917.

JOHN H. COTTERAL,

*Judge of the District Court of the United  
States for the Western District of Oklahoma.*

Due and personal service of the within citation is hereby accepted and acknowledged on behalf of the plaintiff herein this 22nd day of November, A. D. 1917.

JOHN A. FAIN,

*United States Attorney.*

Endorsed: Filed in District Court Nov. 22, 1917.

3 In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma.

No. 215. In Equity.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE and ANNA MARX LA MOTTE, Defendants.

*Bill.*

Comes now the United States of America, by John A. Fain, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, by the authority and direction of the Attorney General, and, complaining of the defendants, alleges and states:

That the defendants, George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, are citizens of the United States, inhabitants thereof, and reside in Pawhuska, Osage County, Oklahoma, in the Western District of Oklahoma:

That, under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of Congress of June 28, 1906, and the acts supplementary to and amendatory thereof, the plaintiff is imposed with the duty of supervising and controlling the leasing of lands, for grazing and agricultural purposes, belonging to incompetent Osage Indians who are members of the Tribe of Osage Indians in Oklahoma, and who have been allotted lands under and by virtue of said Act of Congress:

That, under the provisions of said Act of Congress, the Secretary of the Interior has made and prescribed certain rules and regulations in and to and regarding the leasing, for grazing and agricultural purposes, all the lands of incompetent Osage Indians belonging to the Tribe of Osage Indians in Oklahoma;

That, among other rules and regulations so made, as authorized by law, by the Secretary of the Interior, is a form of lease

4 known and described as a farming and grazing lease, a copy of which is hereto attached made part hereof and marked Exhibit "A".

That, among other provisions of said regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior is one, in substance, that said lease shall be signed by the Osage Indian lessor, and acknowledged before an officer of the Osage Indian Agency, and that the said lease shall be executed in quadruplicate and thereafter approved by the Secretary of the Interior;

That it is further provided in said regulations that no lessee shall sub-let any part of the land mentioned in said lease without the consent and approval of the Secretary of the Interior;

That the lessee has no right under said lease, or particularly no right of occupancy and use of said land, until and after the above regulations have been complied with, and particularly until such lease be approved by the Secretary of the Interior;

That the defendants are pretending to be engaged in the business of leasing Osage Indian lands for the use of various and numerous persons, firms and corporations to graze cattle thereon, and for agricultural purposes;

That the manner and means of procuring leases for use as aforesaid, is, in substance, as follows: that the said defendants will solicit various incompetent Osage Indians to execute a lease upon lands allotted to them, which said leases are not in the form prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, but are informal, in that they do not comply with the provisions of Exhibit "A";

That the defendants will continue to procure as many leases from as many allottees within a certain prescribed area until said defendants have, under the guise of said leases, obtained in their own name, or in the name of the person whom they represent, a body of land which they cause to be enclosed with fence, and denominate the same a "pasture"; that this "pasture" is then leased, or sub-leased, or contracted, to the person, firm or corporation desiring the use of the same to graze cattle thereon and for agricultural purposes;

5 that the said defendants charge said persons, firms or corporations, a large sum of money, and place said persons, firms or corporations, in possession of said land, and thereafter said lands are used by said persons, firms or corporations, for grazing purposes and for agricultural purposes, the said defendants guaranteeing to said persons, firms or corporations that they will pay all trespass money and all rentals, and that the defendants will assume all liability to the said persons, firms or corporations, that may be occasioned by the use and occupancy of the said lands as aforesaid;

That it is not the intention, nor the custom of said defendants, to have said leases, so procured from said incompetent Osage Indians, signed, subscribed and sworn to before an officer of the Osage Indian Agency; neither is it the intention nor the custom to submit said leases to the Secretary of the Interior for his consent and approval; but, that, on the contrary, immediately after the procurement of said leases as aforesaid, the said defendants, for a sum stated, proceed to place the person, firm or corporation desiring to use the said land, in possession.

The plaintiff alleges that the defendants have, by the aforesaid manner and means, acquired informal leases from incompetent Osage

Indians to the amount of approximately twenty-five thousand acres of land, the exact number of which the plaintiff is unable to ascertain, but alleges that it is informed and believes that the number of acres so acquired will far exceed the amount of twenty-five thousand acres.

The plaintiff alleges that, for a number of years past, the defendants have procured, by the manner and means aforesaid, "pastures" for H. M. Stonebreaker, T. P. Kyger, Lee Russell, Brown & Ellingwood, a partnership, R. H. Chowling, Thompson & Shipman, a partnership, Ross Heaton, and divers other persons, and have placed said persons and firms in possession, and have used and occupied lands belonging to incompetent Osage Indian allottees, for agricultural purposes and for grazing cattle, without complying with the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, as above set out, and without the knowledge or consent of the Secretary of the Interior; and that the defendants have established themselves in a permanent business conducted in the aforesaid manner, and are at the present time procuring, and will continue to procure, leases as aforesaid, for persons, firms and corporations for the aforesaid purposes.

Plaintiff alleges that it is informed and believes that the defendants have obtained, or intend to obtain, informal leases in the aforesaid manner and without the knowledge and consent and approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to be used and occupied in the aforesaid manner, from the following incompetent Osage Indians, which said Indians and their lands are subject to the control and supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, and subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior respecting the leasing thereof for agricultural and grazing purposes, to-wit: Jennie McComb, Allottee No. 1543, S 1-2 SE 1-4 Section 9, SW 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 10, SE 1-4 SW 1-4 Section 10-27-7;

Wm. N. McComb, Allottee No. 1544, S 1-2 NW 1-4, N 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 10-27-7;

Rachel B. McComb, Allottee No. 1546, N 1-2 SE 1-4 Sec. 2, S 1-2 SE 1-4, SE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 10-27-7;

Hallie Reece, Allottee No. 1723, SE 1-4 Sec. 3-27-7;

Gladys I. McComb, Allottee No. 1545, NE 1-4 NE 1-4 Sec. 11-27-7;

Rachel B. McComb, Allottee No. 1546, N 1-2 SE 1-4 Sec. 2, S 1-2 NE 1-4 Sec. 2, E 1-2 NE 1-4 Sec. 10, NE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 10-27-7;

Robert A. Lombard, Allottee No. 1470, SW 1-4 Sec. 9-27-7;

Hiram Taylor, Allottee No. 1932, NW 1-4 Sec. 16-27-7;

Bessie Bruce (McCowan), Allottee No. 1003, SW 1-4 Sec. 16-27-7;

Lena Bruce, Allottee No. 1005, E 1-2 NW 1-4 Sec. 21, W 1-2 NE 1-4 Sec. 21-27-7;

Evert Cheshewalla, Allottee No. 578, E 1-2 SW 1-4, W 1-2 SE 1-4 Sec. 21-27-7;

Andrew Pryor, Allottee No. 612, SW 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 21, NW 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 28-27-7;

Heirs of Walter Harvey, deceased Allottee No. 48, E 1-2 NW 1-4 SW 1-4 NW 1-4 NW 1-4 NE 1-4 Sec. 28-27-7;

- 7     Heirs of Harold R. Hunt, deceased, Allottee No. 2203, S 1-2 Sec. 28-27-7;  
       Wah-brah-lum-pah, Allottee No. 319, S 1-2 S 1-2 Sec. 27-27-7;  
       Cecilia Rogers, Allottee No. 1831, S 1-2 SW 1-4 NE 1-4 SW 1-4, SW 1-4 NE 1-4 Sec. 15-27-7;  
       Heirs of Hlu-ah-me-tsa-he, deceased Allottee No. 86, SE 1-4 Sec. 15-28-6;  
       Hun-kah, Allottee No. 254, SW 1-4 Sec. 14, NW 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 23-28-6;  
       Heirs of Wah-shah-hah-me, deceased Allottee No. 317, SE 1-4 Sec. 14-28-6;  
       Heirs of Tsa-pah-ke-ah, deceased Allottee No. 485, SE 1-4 Sec. 15-28-6;  
       Heirs of Wy-u-hah-kah, deceased Allottee No. 636, NW 1-4 Sec. 24-28-6;  
       Heirs of Clarence Gray, Jr., deceased allottee No. 2161, S 1-2 NE 1-4, E 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 24-28-6;  
       Heirs of He-se-moie, deceased allottee No. 395, W 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 24, SE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 23-28-6;  
       Shon-kah-mo-lah, Allottee No. 74, E 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 23-28-6;  
       Heirs of Wah-tsa-moie, deceased allottee No. 98, E 1-2 NW 1-4 SW 1-4 NE 1-4 NE 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 23-28-6;  
       Jessie James, Allottee No. 1379, SW 1-4 NE 1-4 S 1-2 NW 1-4 SW 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 23-28-6;  
       Ida M. Dunn, Allottee No. 1212, SW 1-4 SW 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 23-28-6;

And the plaintiff further alleges that the defendants have obtained, or intend to obtain, informal leases, in the aforesaid manner, for the aforesaid purpose, from divers other incompetent Osage Indians, with the intention of placing some person, firm or corporation in possession thereof, for agricultural and grazing purposes, without the knowledge, consent and approval of the Secretary of the Interior; and the plaintiff alleges that all of said leases are, and will be, invalid, and that it will necessitate the bringing of numerous suits to oust the said defendants, and the persons, firms and corporations that defendants place in possession; and that the defendants will continue to procure said informal leases and to place various persons, firms and corporations in possession of lands which lands are subject to the control and supervision of the Secretary of the Interior; and that, to oust said defendants and persons, firms and corporations so placed in possession by them, will necessitate a multiplicity of suits, to-wit; in that the plaintiff would be compelled to bring a suit in ejectment for each particular allotment of land, against the defendants and each person, firm and corporation occupying a particular allotment of land, or a suit in ejectment against the defendants and persons, firms and corporations occupying a body of land collected by defendants as aforesaid and known as a "pasture;"

That the Secretary of the Interior has not and will not approve any such leases so obtained by the defendants as aforesaid, and did,

on or about the — day of September, —, notify the defendants, and each of them, that said leases would not be approved, and notified them to desist from their operations respecting allotted lands to incompetent Osage Indians as aforesaid, but that defendants have disregarded said instructions of the Secretary of the Interior, and have continued to procure leases and to place persons, firms and corporations in possession thereof as aforesaid, and will continue to do so, unless restrained by this Honorable Court.

Plaintiff further alleges that, by reason of the placing of various persons, firms and corporations in possession of said lands for use in agricultural and grazing purposes as aforesaid, thereby the defendants cause the said persons, firms and corporations to not deal in said lands with the Secretary of the Interior and the officials of the Osage Indian Agency; and persons desirous of obtaining lands for use in agricultural and grazing purposes rely upon said defendants to obtain "pastures"; and, as a consequence thereof, the Secretary of the Interior is unable to lease said lands according to his rules and regulations, and has no speedy and adequate remedy at law.

Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff prays, in order that a multiplicity of suits may be avoided, and because plaintiff  
 9 has no speedy and adequate remedy at law, that this Honorable Court grant a restraining order against the defendants, and each of them, restraining them from entering into any lease, of any kind or character, with any incompetent Osage Indian, and by any means or manner, other than that prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior; and that they be further restrained and enjoined from using, occupying, and exercising any control, and from assigning and sub-leasing any lands informally leased or acquired, as aforesaid, from any incompetent Osage Indian member of the Osage Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma, without first having complied with the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem right in the premises.

JOHN A. FAIR,

*United States Attorney.*

W. BOOTH MERRILL,

*Assistant United States Attorney.*

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

*County of Logan, az:*

A. T. Woodward, being first duly sworn, upon his oath says that he is an officer and agent of the plaintiff herein, and that he has read the foregoing bill and knows the allegations therein contained are true, except such allegations as are made upon information and belief, and as to the allegations so made he verily believes them to be true.

A. T. WOODWARD,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of February, A. D. 1917.

[SEAL.]

M. V. HAWS,  
Deputy Clerk U. S. District Court,  
Western District of Oklahoma.

EXHIBIT "A".

Allotment No. —,

Lease No. —.

Age of Allottee —,

*Farming and Grazing Lease.*

*Osage Reservation, Oklahoma.*

This indenture, in quadruplicate, made and entered into this — day of — 191— by and between — a citizen of the Osage Nation, Allotment No. —, hereinafter called the lessor, and — of —, hereinafter designated as lessee, under and in accordance with the provisions of existing law and conformably to the regulations approved by the Secretary of the Interior on July 27, 1916, relative to farming and grazing leases, and which are hereby referred to and made a part of this agreement as fully as if recited over the signatures hereto:

Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the rents, covenants and agreements hereinafter provided on the part of the lessee to be paid and performed, the lessor doth hereby let and lease unto the said lessee the lands and premises described as follows, to-wit:

.....  
a Osage County, State of Oklahoma, containing — acres, more or less, for the period of — years beginning on the — day of — 191—, fully to be completed and ended on the — day of — 191—, subject to the conditions hereinafter provided for,

The lessee hereby agrees to pay or cause to be paid to the Superintendent of the Osage Agency for the use and benefit of the allotted or his heirs \* — Dollars (\$—) per annum, being at the estimated rate of — per acre, payable semi-annually, as follows: \$— on the first day of — 19—; \$— on the — day of — 191—, and — or will pay to the lessor, in lieu of (or in addition to) cash rental — shares of all crops raised on the leased premises as follows: — payment of crop rental to be made as directed by and under the supervision of a representative of the Osage Agency.

In case the lessor is to receive a share of the crop the lessee shall provide for the careful storing of same, in case of grain, and the proper shocking or stacking of same; in case of feed or fodder, so as to prevent waste, except where the lease provides for a share of

\*Insert "lessor or his heirs" in lieu of "Superintendent, etc." if authorized under section 5 of regulations attached.

stalk field, then no stacking or shocking is necessary. The-  
11 Superintendent or his representative shall at all times have access to said premises for the purpose of seeing that the terms of the lease are being carried out or that the lessor's share of the crop is being properly taken care of and his interests protected.

As an additional rental consideration, the lessee agrees to break out and place in cultivation and to cultivate — acres of said land not now in cultivation before the — day of —, 19—, and will, at his own expense, within — from the date of approval of this lease by the Secretary of the Interior, build, construct and erect the following improvements upon the above described land: — all of which are to be constructed in a substantial and workmanlike manner and of durable material, and subject to acceptance or rejection by the Superintendent of the Osage Agency; such improvements shall be on the leased premises at the date of the expiration of this lease, and in first class condition so as not to need repair, or the lessee shall be liable for the payment of the full value thereof as above set forth. The lessee shall not be released from his covenant to make the improvements and have the same on the leased premises at the expiration of the lease by reason of fire, flood, wind or any other cause.

There are now on said land the following improvements owned by the lessor: —

The lessee further agrees to keep said premises in good repair; to work and farm said land in a good and husbandlike manner; to commit no waste thereon; and to take necessary steps to prevent said land from washing and ditches and gulleys from forming; to keep said lands free from noxious weeds, to not alter said premises except as may be herein provided; to at all times plow and tend said land to the best advantage of the lessor and the lessee; and turn over said premises to the lessor at the expiration of this lease peaceably and without legal process for the recovery thereof, and in as good condition as they now are, the usual wear and inevitable accidents excepted.

Any repairs made on the fences and buildings on said land by the lessee shall be considered to be done for his convenience and for such repairs he shall receive no compensation from the lessor, and the same shall become a part of the premises.

12 Said lessee further agrees where the land is to be used for grazing purposes to graze not to exceed one head of grown stock to each four acres each year and both before and after the introduction of any cattle on this land to comply with each and every provision, law and regulation now in force or hereafter to be promulgated by the United States Bureau of Animal Industry and the State Board of Agriculture of the State of Oklahoma as may be applicable where the lands herein described are situate, and before introducing any cattle to furnish the Superintendent of the Osage Agency with a certificate signed by an officer of said Federal Bureau and State Board, showing that their requirements have been fully complied with.

If the lessee shall fail to pay the rents when due, (or construct improvements on said land, as contracted for, in the manner herein provided), or shall fail to comply with or shall violate any of the provisions of this contract, the Secretary of the Interior



may, in his discretion, cancel this lease and the lessor may thereupon re-enter and take possession of said premises and eject the lessee therefrom, but such cancellation shall not release the lessee from paying all rents contracted for nor from damages for such failure or violation; (and there shall be a lien upon the crops grown or raised thereon as security for the payment of the rents). No rents paid under this lease shall be refunded to the lessee because of any subsequent surrender, forfeiture or cancellation of this lease.

The lessee further agrees that no live timber shall be cut and removed from the leased premises without the consent of the Superintendent of the Osage Agency; also that he will not permit intoxicating liquors to be introduced or used by himself or others on the above land and a violation of these requirements shall be considered sufficient cause for the cancellation of this lease.

It is distinctly understood that this lease does not cover any mineral rights in and to said land, and there is reserved to the Osage Nation and its lessees and assigns the right to use so much of the surface of the land described in this lease as may be necessary for conducting mining operations under any act of Congress now in force and the regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior on August 26, 1915, and all future amendments thereto, or additional regulations that may be prescribed governing mining or prospecting for mineral on Osage lands.

It is further expressly understood and agreed by the parties hereto that any sublease, assignment or transfer of this lease or of any interest herein or hereunder, can lawfully be made only with the consent of the lessor in writing and the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and any assignment, sublease or transfer made or attempted without such consent and approval shall be void and may render this contract void at the option of the Secretary of the Interior.

The covenants and agreements hereinbefore mentioned shall extend to and be binding upon the heirs, executors and administrators of the parties to this lease.

It is further understood and agreed between the parties hereto that this lease shall be valid and binding only after approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

It is hereby expressly agreed and understood by the lessee that he has no right whatever under the within lease until the same shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and said lessee further specifically agrees and promises that he will not seize, enter upon or use said lands for himself or otherwise, nor will he authorize anyone else to do so prior to the approval of this lease by the Secretary of the Interior, and the notice of such approval received by lessee.

In Witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

— — — [SEAL.]  
— — — [SEAL.]

Signed and sealed in the presence of,

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
P. O. of both \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
P. O. of both \_\_\_\_\_

14 STATE OF OKLAHOMA,  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, ss:

On this — day of —, 19—, personally appeared before me the above named \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, to me known to be the identical persons who executed the within and foregoing instruments as lessor and lessee, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, and for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

I hereby certify that the contents, terms, conditions and effects of this lease were explained to and fully understood by the lessor and that said lease was signed and sealed in my presence and to the best of my knowledge and belief is in every respect free from fraud and deception, and that I am in no respect interested, directly or indirectly, in said lease.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Superintendent Osage Agency, Government Farmer,*  
*Notary Public.*

Residing at \_\_\_\_\_.  
My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_.

*Affidavit of Lessee.*

State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, ss:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, lessee herein, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am leasing the lands herein described for my own use and benefit, and not either directly or indirectly, for the use or benefit of any other person or corporation; that I have no agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or corporation whereby the said lands or any part thereof shall or may be used, enjoyed, or occupied by or for the benefit of any person or corporation other than myself.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this — day of —, A. D. 19—.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Notary Public.*

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*Bond.*

In consideration of the letting of the premises described in the foregoing indenture of lease, and of the sum of One Dollar to each of us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we, the undersigned, ———, and ——— of ——— County of ——— State of ——— hereby become sureties for the punctual payment of all rents and the performance of all the covenants and agreements in the above lease, to be paid and performed by ———, the lessee named therein, and if any default shall be made therein we agree to pay on demand unto the Superintendent of the Osage Agency such sum of money as will be sufficient to make up the deficiency and fully satisfy all the conditions, covenants and agreements contained in said indenture of lease, without requiring notice of non-payment or proof of demand being made. And we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Signed and sealed this — day of ———, 19——.

Witness to Signature:

———  
———

——— [SEAL.]  
——— [SEAL.]

P. O. Addresses: ———

*Verification of Sureties.*

State of ———, County of ——— ss:

——— and ———, the sureties to the foregoing indenture of lease, being duly sworn, and examined by me, state that they signed the foregoing obligation as sureties for the lessee under the annexed lease, and that they and each of them respectively own and possess property over and above all debts, liabilities and legal exemptions, of the value and worth of the sum placed opposite their names.

——— \$——  
——— \$——

16 Subscribed and sworn to before me this — day of ———,

A. D. 19——

My commission expires ———

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*Notary Public.*

*Regulations.*

Governing Agriculture and Grazing Leases in the Osage Nation,  
Oklahoma.

Allotted lands of the Osage Indians in Oklahoma, may be leased under sections 7 and 12 of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1906 (43 Stat. L. 539), which provide:

Sec. 7. That the lands herein provided for are set aside for the sole use and benefit of the individual members of the tribe entitled thereto, or to their heirs, as herein provided; and said members or their heirs, shall have the right to use and to lease said land for farming, grazing, or any other purpose not otherwise specifically provided for herein, and said members shall have full control of the same, including the proceeds thereof; Provided, That parents of minor members of the tribe shall have the control and use of said minors' lands, together with the proceeds of the same, until said minors arrive at their majority; And Provided Further, That all leases given on said lands for the benefit of the individual members of the tribe entitled thereto, or for their heirs, shall be subject only to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Sec. 12. That all things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act not otherwise herein specifically provided for shall be done under the authority and direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

#### Regulations—Continued.

1. All leases must be submitted to the office of the Superintendent of the Osage Agency, at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, in quadruplicate, and on the form prescribed by the Department of the Interior. Farming leases will be executed preferably during the months of August and September, effective January 1 next after the date of execution; grazing leases in October and November, effective March 1 or April 1 next after execution. No leases dated or executed more than five months prior to the beginning of the term thereof will be received or considered, nor will any leases be received or considered unless signed and acknowledged by both parties and submitted to the office of the Superintendent of the Osage Agency within thirty days from the date of such lease. In case of duplicate leases, the right of priority shall be governed by the time of filing of lease in the office of the Osage Agency. The Superintendent is Authorized to reject forthwith any proposed leases submitted by persons whose presence on the reservation may be deemed by him detrimental to the welfare of the Indians, and no leases shall be considered from persons delinquent in the payment of rentals under other leases unless such delinquency shall be adjusted to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.

2. Each lease must be accompanied by a bond with good and sufficient sureties acceptable to said Superintendent in a sum equal to one year's rent plus the value of any improvements to be made and in cases where demanded by the Superintendent the bond shall be increased to insure proper protection of improvements already on the land. Revenue stamps to be furnished by lessees should be attached to bonds as required by act of Congress.

3. In all cases where the lessor is a resident of Osage County, Oklahoma, leases must be acknowledged by such lessor before the Superintendent of the Osage Agency, or before any Government Far-

mer in Osage County (the Government Farmer to certify that the lease was fully explained to the lessor before signing); lessors residing outside of Osage County may acknowledge the execution of leases before any officer having authority to take acknowledgments. Lessees may execute leases before any officer having authority to take acknowledgments. Where leases are acknowledged before others than Government officers, the official character of the acknowledging official shall be certified in the manner prescribed by the law of the place of acknowledgment, and when requested, such evidence shall be attached to the leases or filed with the Superintendent of the Osage Agency; it must be shown that the party taking the acknowledgment is not interested directly or indirectly in the lease, and that the conditions, terms contents and effects of the lease were explained to and fully understood by the lessor prior to the execution thereof. Leases executed before Government officials shall involve no expense for execution to the lessor.

4. Leases covering homesteads of allottees to whom certificates of competency have been issued or lands allotted to or inherited by such allottee's minor children are invalid without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior as provided in these regulations.

5. All money due or payable under any form of lease shall be paid to the Superintendent of the Osage Agency for the use and benefit of the allottee or his heirs, except as hereinafter provided and shall be accounted for by him in the usual manner. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to pay on the lease roll all funds coming into his hands direct to the person entitled thereto citing these regulations and this paragraph as authority therefor. All moneys paid to the Superintendent on account of leases made for undetermined heirs, shall be deposited in bank to the credit of the estate and so held until the heirs have been determined, when it may be disbursed under special authority. All rentals under leases executed by legal guardians, administrators and executors appointed by courts of competent jurisdictions shall be payable direct to such guardians, administrators and executors by the lessees. In such cases as may be specifically authorized in writing by the Superintendent where the lessors are Osage citizens to whom certificates of competency have been issued, or are not enrolled as Osage citizens the lessee shall pay the cash rental direct to the lessor and shall when requested by the Superintendent furnish evidence of such payment; such written authority shall be attached to the lease and may be revoked at any time by the Superintendent in his discretion by written notice to the lessor and the lessee.

6. Farming leases shall be given preference over grazing leases. Leases providing for valuable improvements or a share of the crop rental shall be considered more desirable than leases providing for a money consideration alone. The value of all improvements should be shown in the lease. The making of farming leases for a crop rental consideration, wherever possible, shall be encouraged.

7. Lands of adults may be leased for terms not exceeding five years for farming purposes and not exceeding three years for grazing purposes, except in cases where leases are made in favor of the oil or gas lessees of the lands when they may be made for the time the title to the minerals remains in the Osage tribe, with provision that the rental shall be adjusted every two years from the date of approval of such lease. Lands of minors may be leased for the same terms except that in no case shall the lease covering lands of a minor extend beyond minority. The ages of the minors shall be stated in the lease.

8. Where the parents are divorced or living separately the parent having the custody of the minor shall be the proper person to execute leases unless contrary instructions shall have been issued by the Commission of Indian Affairs. Where the parents are living together than either parent or both may execute leases as the Superintendent may determine.

9. Lands of deceased allottees may be leased by the heirs jointly, the natural or legal guardian shall act for minor heirs, and said Superintendent may execute leases in behalf of any absent heirs, or whose whereabouts is unknown. During the period of administration, lands may be leased by administrators or executors for a period not to exceed one year, or in case no administrator or executor has been appointed, the Superintendent of the Osage Agency may execute leases in behalf of the undetermined heirs, but all such leases shall require the approval of the Secretary of the Interior to be valid.

10. If no legal guardian has been appointed, the Superintendent shall execute leases in behalf of minor orphans and allottees who are non compos mentis.

11. When a lease covers only a part of an allotment, a definite description by subdivision or by metes and bounds must be incorporated therein, accompanied by a plat of the part intended to be leased when the metes and *bounds* do not conform to the public survey.

12. No lease shall cover the lands of more than one allottee unless the lands embrace allotments of members of a family, in which case the tracts leased must be described separately, so as to readily show the lands of each individual.

20 13. Every lessee will be required to execute an affidavit setting forth that he is leasing the lands described for his own use and benefit, and not for the benefit, directly or indirectly, present or prospective, of any other person, firm or corporation, except that this affidavit will not be required of oil and gas lessees in taking leases of the surface rights to the lands covered by their respective leases. Leases may be executed in behalf of lessees by duly authorized agents, and in such cases powers of attorneys, in duplicate, should be filed with the lease. Leases executed by a co-partner in behalf of a co-partnership as lessees should be accompanied by written evidence, in duplicate, of his authority to so act,

14. When leases covering the surface rights are taken by oil or gas lessees such leases shall be made upon the form provided herein for that purpose.

15. When leases have not been submitted through the Superintendent of Osage Agency for approval, as provided in these regulations and any person or persons are in possession of an allotment or allotments under an informal or oral agreement with the allottee, such person or persons will be considered intruders and subject to removal therefrom.

16. In the absence of the Superintendent of the Osage Agency all duties and powers conferred upon him by these regulations shall be assumed and exercised by the Officer in Charge of said Agency.

(Signed)

E. B. MERITT,

*Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

Approved: July 27, 1916.

AUDRIEUS A. JONES.

*First Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

*Farming and Grazing Lease.*

to

Department of the Interior.

The foregoing lease is — approved.

*Secretary of the Interior.*

By —

*Superintendent Osage Agency.*

Endorsed: Filed in the District Court February 23, 1917.

*Motion to Dismiss.*

Comes now the defendants and move the court to dismiss the bill of complaint in this cause for the reasons following, to-wit:

First. There is a defect of parties complainant in that the real parties in interest, the incompetent Osage Indian allottees, for whom this action is brought, are not made parties to this suit.

Second. The United States has no pecuniary or other interest in the subject matter of the action, because the Osage Allottee for whom the action is brought is the sole party in interest, and the matters sought to be enjoined and the doing of the things sought to be enjoined, is authorized by law.



Third. The bill of complaint does not contain allegations sufficient to entitle the complainant to the relief sought.

Fourth. The complainant has an adequate remedy by proceeding in ejectment if the defendants take possession of any Osage Indian Allotments under an illegal or void contract.

LEAHY & MACDONALD,

*Counsellors for Defendants.*

Endorsed: Filed in the District Court March 15, 1917.

*Order, March 15, 1917, Overruling Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Bill.*

Now on this 15th day of March, 1917, this cause comes on for hearing upon motion of the defendants to dismiss the plaintiff's bill of complaint. Plaintiff is present by John A. Fain, Esq., United

22 States Attorney and the defendants are present by Messrs. Leahy & Macdonald. Thereupon said motion to dismiss is presented to the court, arguments of counsel are heard and the court being fully advised in the premises and upon due consideration, it is ordered that said motion to dismiss be and the same is overruled, to which order and ruling of the court the defendants and each of them duly except.

Thereupon, the defendants are given ten days from this date in which to answer herein.

*Joint Answer of George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte.*

Come now these defendants, and for answer to bill in equity in the above entitled cause, now and at all times hereinafter reserving all manner of benefit and advantage to themselves or exceptions to the errors and insufficiencies in said bill contained, say that the bill shows upon its face, a lack of equity and shows that the court is without jurisdiction in equity and that the plaintiff has a plain, adequate and complete remedy at law; that the plaintiff has not capacity to maintain this suit and has no pecuniary interest in the subject matter of the action and that there is a defect of necessary parties to a complete termination of the controversy.

Defendants, for answer to said bill, say:

1st. That they deny all allegations in the bill except such as are expressly admitted herein.

2nd. These answering defendants admit that the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America promulgated certain rules and regulations with reference to leasing Osage Indian lands, for farming and grazing purposes, a copy of which rules and regulations are attached to the bill, and admit that such rules and regulations purport to have been made under the acts of Congress as set out by complainant.

Defendants further admit that they are leasing lands in Osage County from Osage Indians and other people for grazing and agricultural purposes on their own behalf, as on behalf of a number of persons, firms and corporations for whom they are acting as agents.

23 Defendants say that they are the owners of a considerable amount of land situated in Osage county which they have purchased; that adjacent to some of such land, they are the owners of grazing and farming leases on other tracts, which grazing and farming leases they have secured from either people who own the fee to the land or are members of the tribe who have secured certificates of competency; that taking the land they own, together with the land upon which they have valid leases and which are in no way under the supervision or control of the Secretary of the Interior they are able to gather together tracts of considerable size; that there adjacent to these tracts lands which belong to members of the Osage tribe of Indians who have not certificates of competency; that in order to lease their own lands for grazing purposes and to sublease such other lands as they have valid leases upon, to cattie men who desire and demand large acreage; it is necessary for them to agree with such cattle men that they will protect and guarantee them from damages by reason of trespass upon such Indian lands. These defendants deny that they take possession of such lands or that they deliver possession to their own lessee of the same, but merely hold themselves liable for any trespass money that may be due on account of stock running upon the same.

Defendants admit that they have taken a lease from Jesse McComb on the lands described in the bill for R. H. Chouning, which lease has not been submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for approval and which they intend to submit and admit that they have procured leases on the William N. McComb, Rachael B. McComb, and Gladys I. McComb lands described in the bill but allege and aver that they procured such leases in the name of R. H. Chouning, acting as agent and that they obtained the leases from Fletcher McComb, a white man, father of said persons, and who is not a member of the Osage tribe of Indians; that said William N. Rachael B. and Gladys I. McComb are all minor Osage allottees, and under the law, the parents of said minors have the control and use of said minor's lands, together with the proceeds of the same until the minors arrive at their majority and defendants allege and aver that said lease from said white parent is a valid lease without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and that the Secretary

24 of the Interior is without authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing such lease by a white parent.

Defendants admit that they have leased the lands described in the bill as the Robert A. Lombard lands but allege and aver that the said Robert A. Lombard is a minor Osage Indian allottee whose father is dead and whose mother is a white woman and not a member of the Osage tribe of Indians; that the lease taken by the de-

fendants was executed by the mother of said minor and is valid without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Defendants admit they procured a lease upon the lands allotted to Hiram Taylor described in the bill but allege and aver said lease was executed on behalf of said minor by Hugh Pitzer who is and was the duly and legally appointed, qualified and acting guardian of said minor and which lease is approved by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma; that said lease is valid without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior requiring guardianship leases to be approved is without warrant or authority of law.

Defendants admit that they have procured leases on the lands of Bessie Bruce, Lena Bruce, Celia Rogers, Hun-kah and the heirs of Wah-tsa-moie described in the bill, said leases having been procured by these defendants as the agent of R. H. Cheorning for his sole use and benefit by these de- — upon Departmental forms as provided by the rules and regulations and are filed with the Department for the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. It is further alleged that Bessie Bruce, the father and mother of Celia Rogers and the father of Hun-kah all have certificates of competency and under the rules in force at the Osage Indian Agency the rentals due may be paid such parties direct; that said parties have been paid in full the rentals upon said lands. Defendants further allege that they have a lease upon the southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 28, Range 6 described in the bill as belonging to the heirs of Wah-shah-kah-mc, which lease is made by the guardian of the owner of said land and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Defendants further admit that they procured leases upon the lands of Evart Che-she-walla and Andrew Pryor, which leases are not approved and have not been submitted for approval, but allege  
25 and aver that said parties are minors and the father of Che-  
Oshe-walla is dead and that the mother of said minors is a white woman and not a member of the Osage tribe of Indians and defendants' leases are executed by Florence Pryor, the white mother and are valid without the approval of the secretary of the Interior, and that said leases were not taken for the benefit of a member of the Osage tribe of Indians. Defendants further admit that they have a lease upon an undivided half interest in the lands described in the bill as the lands of the heirs of Walter Harvey and allege and aver that they procured a lease from R. C. Drummond, a white man and not a member of the Osage tribe of Indians, who is and was the owner of said undivided half interest in said land, and which undivided half interest is not restricted; that the other undivided half interest belongs to Mary Harvey, a non-competent Osage Indian; that defendants have no lease from Mary Harvey.

Defendants further allege and aver that they procured a lease on the lands described in the bill as belonging to the heirs of Harold R. Hunt, which lease was executed by Antwine Hunt; that said lease is not approved and is not taken in accordance with the rules and regulations and defendants allege that all of said lands are unrestricted; that the said Harold R. Hunt died August 25, 1908

intestate, leaving as his sole and only heirs at law, his mother, Hazel Hunt, a white woman and not a member of the Osage tribe of Indians and Antwine Hunt, a member of the Osage tribe of Indians and the father of decedent; that the said Antwine Hunt purchased the undivided interest of Hazel Hunt; that the said Harold R. Hunt died before the issuance of a deed to said property.

Defendants deny that they have procured any lease or that they are using or in the possession of or attempting to place others in the possession of the Wahphrah-lum-pah lands.

Defendants allege that they have procured a lease from the heirs of Hlu-ah-nue-tsa-he upon Departmental form, which lease is filed for approval with the Department; that they have procured from Joe Bates, the father of Hun-kah, Osage allottee No. 254, a lease upon the lands described in the bill in Departmental form, also a lease upon the Wah-tsa-moie lands described in the bill in Departmental form, which leases are submitted for approval; that they have  
26 an approved lease from the heirs of Tsa-pah-ke-ah upon the allotment described in the bill.

Defendants further allege that some of the heirs at law of Wy-u-hah-kah mentioned in the bill have certificates of competency and that the said heirs can legally lease without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior; that these defendants procured a lease upon some of the lands allotted to Wy-u-hah-kah as mentioned in the bill, from Jennie Gray and John Oberly, heirs at law, said heirs having certificates of competency, and allege and aver that said lease is valid and binding without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Defendants deny that they have procured any lease from the heirs of Clarence Gray or the heirs of He-se-moie or Shun-kah-mo-lah, or Jessie James or Ida M. Dunn upon any of the lands mentioned in the bill and disclaim any rights whatever in said lands, and deny that they, or either of them are in possession or have placed any other persons in possession of any of said lands.

Defendants further allege that they have procured a lease from the heirs of Wah-tsa-moie upon the lands mentioned in the bill as belonging to them, which lease is upon the approved forms and is filed with the Osage Indian Agent for approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

Defendants further allege and aver that all of the leases above mentioned from the above mentioned parties covering the above mentioned lands, with the exception of the lease from the heirs of Tsa-pah-ke-ah have been taken in the name of R. H. Chou-ning for his sole use and benefit by these defendants acting as the agents of said R. H. Chouning.

Defendants further allege and aver that there are many non-competent Osage Indians, members of the Osage tribe of Indians who have lands other than their allotments which they have acquired by inheritance, by will and by purchase, which lands so acquired by said Indians are alienable and subject to lease without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and over which lands so acquired by the said non-competent Indians, the defendants allege and aver the said Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs have no authority to regulate and no authority to promulgate

rules and regulations affecting said lands; that these defendants are leasing a great deal of said lands for themselves and as the  
27 agents of other persons; that the said Interior Department claim the said rules and regulations apply to said lands and that the same cannot be leased without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and the Department is assuming that the said rules and regulations apply to said lands, and are attempting to enforce the rules and regulations with reference to leasing said lands the same as if said lands were restricted lands; that there is no warrant of law or authority for the application of said rules and regulations to said lands, and these defendants deny that by virtue of the provisions of the acts of Congress of June 28, 1903, and April 18, 1912 that there is any duty imposed upon the complainant, the United States or its officers of supervising or controlling the leasing of said land for grazing and agricultural purposes and deny that the Secretary of the Interior or the Commissioners have any control of same and deny that the rules and regulations have any force or effect with reference to said lands.

Defendants further allege and aver that they have a lease upon the East Half of the Southwest Quarter and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 28, Range 7, in Osage County, Oklahoma, which is allotted to the heirs of Wah-shah-me-tsa-he, deceased, Osage allottee 770, which lease is executed in their favor by the heirs at law of said decedent, the said heirs being Ho-ki-ah-shah, allottee 796 and Me-tsa-he, allottee 797, non-competent Osage allottees, which lease is not approved by the Secretary of the Interior and was not submitted for approval; that said lands are unrestricted and said heirs have a right to lease same without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior; that they have other leases of lands of like character from heirs who have not certificates of competency and defendants allege and aver that said leases are valid; that the Secretary of the Interior claims and assumes that the rules and regulations apply to such lands and he is attempting to enforce the said rules and regulations as against these defendants with reference to said lands the same as if said lands were the allotments of said incompetent heirs.

Defendants further allege and aver that they have a lease upon the Northeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 28, Range 6 in Osage County, Oklahoma, said land being the allotment of Jack Wheeler,

28 Osage allottee No. 728 and the said lease being executed by Nah-me-tsa-he, Osage allottee No. 729, a non-competent Osage

Indian, which lease is not approved by the Secretary of the Interior and was not submitted for approval; that the said Nah-me-tsa-he acquired said land as a devisee named in the last will and testament of said Jack Wheeler, that said land is therefore unrestricted and the said devisee has full control of said lands and the same is alienable without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Defendants further allege that they have other leases of lands of like character from devisees who have acquired title to said lands by will, the said devisees being non-competent Indians; that the Secretary of the Interior assumes to and does apply the rules and regulations set out in the complainant's bill and contend that these de-

defendants cannot legally lease said land without his approval, but defendants allege and aver that said lands are alienable and the Secretary of the Interior is without authority to interfere with the defendants in the leasing of said lands of said character, and in attempting to apply the rules and regulations by him promulgated to said lands is acting without authority at law.

Defendants further allege and aver that they have a lease on the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 27, Range 7, in Osage County, Oklahoma, said lands being the allotment of Hiram Taylor, a member of the Osage tribe of Indians and a minor; that said lease was procured by them through the guardian of said Hiram Taylor who was appointed by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma and which said lease is approved by the said county court; that Hugh Pitzer is the legally appointed, qualified and acting guardian of said minor and executed said lease with the approval of said court; that the defendants have other leases from the legal guardians of minor Osage allottees and guardians of Osage allottees who have been by the court declared incompetent, which leases have been approved by the county court of Osage County, Oklahoma; that said guardianship leases have not been submitted to the Interior Department for approval and has not been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; that the Department of the Interior assume control over said lands and assume to apply the rules and regulations to such leases and contend that these defendants must submit said leases for approval.

29 Defendants further allege and aver that they have procured a lease upon NW $\frac{1}{4}$  & N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 21-29-7, lands in Osage County, Oklahoma, for H. M. Stonelaker the said lands being the allotments of Edward Gibson, deceased; that A. W. Hurley is the duly and legally appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the estate of said Edward Gibson, deceased, and executed said lease with the approval of the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma; that these defendants have other leases made by the administrators of deceased Osage Indian estates with the approval of the county court of Osage County, which leases have not been submitted for approval to the Secretary of the Interior; and have not been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; that the Secretary of the Interior is attempting to apply the rules and regulations, so far as these defendants are concerned, to leases made by administrators and guardians and these defendants allege that under the Act of Congress approved April 18, 1912, the jurisdiction over said class of land is in the county courts of the state of Oklahoma, and that the Secretary of the Interior has no right or authority to promulgate rules and regulations affecting such leases and that the rules and regulations so promulgated in so far as they require the approval of the Secretary of the Interior of guardianship and administrator leases are without authority of law and of no force and effect; that the leases so made by guardians and administrators to these defendants with the approval of the county court of Oklahoma wherein the estate of the deceased Osage allottee or minor or the incompetent allottee is being administered, are valid without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Defendants further allege that there is a great deal of lands in Osage

County, Oklahoma, originally allotted to members of the Osage tribe of Indians, the title to which is similar to the Walter Harvey allotments mentioned in the bill of complainant, and which lands are owned by tenants in common, some of which tenants in common have full authority to alienate, lease or incumber, so far as their interest are concerned, while a tenant in common owning a portion of the same land may be a non-competent Indian and the lands so far as such tenant is concerned being restricted lands that these defendants have leases from the tenants in common who are either white persons or Indians having a certificate of competency or Indians in whose

hands the lands are alienable as is the case where these defendants have a lease upon the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 28, Range 6, in Osage County, Oklahoma, said lands being allotted to Wy-u-hah-kah, Osage allottee No. 631, mentioned in the complainants bill herein, that the Secretary of the Interior is attempting to apply the rules and regulations to such lands so far as the competent heirs are concerned and maintains that the defendants cannot legally lease said lands from said competent tenants in common where there are one or more non-competent tenants in common who own the lands jointly with a white person or an incompetent Indian; Defendants allege and aver that so far as such leases are concerned there is no warrant of law or authority for the application of the rules and regulations promulgated and defendants allege that where they have a lease upon lands held by tenants in common the said lease to be executed by one of tenants in common who is a white man, or whose interests in the lands are alienable, it is a valid lease without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Defendants further allege and aver that the leases heretofore mentioned executed by white parents upon lands of their minor children who are members of the Osage tribe of Indians are valid and binding and that under the law applicable to Osage lands, the approval of the Secretary of the Interior is not necessary to their validity. These defendants allege that they have a number of leases on lands of minor Osage Indians, which leases have been executed by the white parents of such minors and which leases have not been approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Department of the Interior is attempting to bar these defendants from the use of said lands, assuming said leases to be invalid.

The defendants further allege and aver that they have a lease on the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16, and the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 29, Range 8, said lands having been allotted to (Myron) Bangs, allottee 403, deceased; that the heirs at law of Myron Bangs, deceased were determined to be Lucy Bangs, a non-competent Osage Indian and Myron Bangs, Jr., a minor who was born after allotment and who is not a member of the Osage tribe of Indians and who is not enrolled on the Osage tribal rolls; that the said interest in said lands of Myron

Bangs, Jr., is unrestricted and alienable, and the said lands are owned by Lucy Bangs and Myron Bangs, Jr., as tenants in common; that defendants hold a lease made on behalf of said Myron Bangs, Jr., which lease defendants allege and aver is valid and binding without the approval of the Secretary of the [



Wherefore, the defendants pray that the temporary injunction heretofore granted in this cause be dissolved and that they be wholly relieved from the same; that the court declare and decree that these defendants may, without any violation of any authorized rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, lease lands from the parents of minor Osages; also lands which are under the control of guardians and administrators duly appointed by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma and lands which are inherited by members of the tribe from deceased members of the tribe, even though such members do have certificates of competency, without conforming to the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior concerning the leasing of Osage Indian lands and that the court decree that the Secretary of the Interior has no authority under the law to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the leasing of lands of any of the members of the Osage tribe of Indians and define and determine the authority of the Secretary of the Interior concerning the approval of farming and grazing leases of lands belonging to members of said tribe and for such other and further relief as the said defendants may in equity and good conscience be entitled to.

T. J. LEAHY,  
C. S. MACDONALD,  
*Attorneys for Defendants.*

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,  
*County of Osage, ss:*

Anna Marx La Motte, being first duly sworn upon her oath says that she has read the foregoing answer and knows the contents thereof and that the allegations of fact contained therein and which are stated to be facts, are true; that all other allegations contained therein she believes to be true.

ANNA MARX LA MOTTE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March, 1917.  
VICTORIA ISNARD,  
*Notary Public.*

32 My commission expires July 14, 1917.  
[SEAL.]

Endorsed: Filed in District Court March 31, 1917.

*A Condensed Statement of the Evidence.*

1. The defendants, and each of them, are inhabitants of Pawhuska, Osage County, Oklahoma, and are engaged in the business of buying and selling real estate, loaning money, leasing lands for agricultural and grazing purposes on behalf of themselves and representing other persons in procuring leases for said other persons as the agents of said other persons, and in pasturing cattle for other persons upon their own lands and upon lands leased by these defendants in the names of the defendants;

2. The defendants procured leases in the name of R. H. Chowning, acting for him and on his behalf, on the lands described in the bill as the Jessie, Wm. N., Rachel B. and Gladys I. McComb, and Hallie Reece allotments, which leases were not upon the forms prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and which leases were not approved by the Secretary of the Interior; nor submitted to him for approval. All of said allottees are minors under the age of twenty-one years, and the said lands were allotted under the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1906, to the respective parties, who are members of the Osage Tribe of Indians; and said leases so taken on the lands of the McComb minor children were executed by Fletcher McComb, the father of said minors, who is a white man and not a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, and Ellen McComb, the mother of said minors, the said Ellen McComb being a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians to whom a certificate of competency was issued and delivered under the Act of Congress aforesaid prior to the execution of said leases. The lease taken on the Hallie Reece allotment was executed by Elizabeth Reece, the mother of said minor and a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians to whom a certificate of competency had, prior to said time, been issued and delivered under said Act of Congress, and Dr. Hal Reece, the father of said Hallie Reece, who is a white man and not a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians. The lands referred to

33       herein were allotted as surplus lands, except the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 2 Twp. 27 R. 7, which was allotted to Rachel B. McComb as a homestead. The defendants, for themselves, and as agents of other persons, have taken and procured leases of like kind and character upon other lands in Osage County, Oklahoma, of like kind and character, in some cases both parents of the minors being members of the Osage Tribe of Indians to whom certificates of competency had been issued and some cases being where one parent held a certificate of competency and the other parent was not a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians;

3. The defendants procured leases upon the lands described in the bill as allotted to Robert A. Lombard, Evart Cheshewalla, and Andrew Pryor, which leases were executed to R. H. Chowning, lessee, and were procured by the defendants as agents of said R. H. Chowning. The said allottees mentioned in this paragraph are all minors and members of the Osage Tribe of Indians and the fathers of Robert A. Lombard, Evart Cheshewalla and Andrew Pryor were members of the Osage Tribe of Indians but died some years ago. The mothers of said Robert A. Lombard, Evart Cheshewalla and Andrew Pryor were white women and not members of the Osage Tribe of Indians. The leases were executed on the Robert A. Lombard, Evart Cheshewalla and Andrew Pryor allotments by said mothers. The above described lands were allotted as surplus lands. The defendants, for themselves and as agents of other persons, have taken and procured leases of like kind and character upon other lands in Osage County, Oklahoma, of like kind and character, from the mothers of minor allottees, said mothers of said allottees being white women and not members of the Osage Tribe of Indians;

4. The defendants procured a lease on the lands allotted to Hiram Taylor, and the lands described in the bill as belonging to the heirs of Wah-shah-hah-me, in the name of H. H. Chowning, the defendants acting as his agent. The lease on the Hiram Taylor allotment was executed by the guardian of Hiram Taylor, which guardian was appointed by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, and said lease was approved by said County Court. The lands mentioned as

being allotted to Wah-shah-hah-me were inherited by Peter  
34 Kenworthy and others, all of the heirs being members of the Osage Tribe of Indians and none of said heirs having certificates of competency. The lands allotted to Wah-shah-hah-me were partitioned and the particular land described in the bill as being the lands allotted to said persons were in said partition suit set aside to Peter Kenworthy, said Peter Kenworthy having elected to take said lands, and by the judgment of the District Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, the sheriff was ordered to and did execute a deed to said Peter Kenworthy, which partition proceedings and deed were approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Peter Kenworthy is a minor under the age of twenty-one years and Ed T. Kennedy is the duly and legally appointed guardian of said Peter Kenworthy, and the lease on said land is executed by said Ed T. Kennedy and approved by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma. The above described lands were allotted as surplus lands.

5. The defendants procured a lease in favor of R. H. Chowning, executed by Bessie Bruce upon the lands described in the bill. Prior to the execution of said lease a certificate of competency was issued and delivered to said Bessie Bruce under said Act of Congress. The lands so leased are the homestead selections of said Bessie Bruce;

6. The defendants have taken a lease upon the allotment of Lena Bruce described in the bill, which land was allotted her as surplus lands under the Act of Congress aforesaid. Lena Bruce has never received a certificate of competency under said Act. The defendants have taken some other leases in their own names on other lands of like kind and character from allottees of the Osage Tribe of Indians to whom certificates of competency have not been issued, and, acting as the agent for other persons, have procured leases to be executed in favor of such other persons on lands of like kind and character;

7. The lands described in the bill as belonging to the heirs of Walter Harvey, deceased, were allotted to him as surplus lands under said Act of Congress and his heirs at law have been determined to be Mary Harvey, a non-competent Osage Indian, and Luther Harvey, a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians to whom a certificate of competency has been issued and delivered, said parties being the  
35 parents of said Walter Harvey. Said parties inherited said land equally, and the undivided one-half interest of Luther Harvey has passed by foreclosure proceedings to R. C. Drummond, a non-member of the Osage Tribe of Indians. R. C. Drummond, a white, man, executed a lease to these defendants Mary Harvey executed a lease to the defendants for her interest, but said

leases have not been submitted to the Department of the Interior for approval and are not upon the forms prescribed and are not in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of the Interior;

8. The defendants procured a lease upon the lands described in the bill as allotted to Harold R. Hunt, deceased. Said lease was executed by Antwine Hunt, father of said deceased and a non-competent Osage Indian. The heirs of said Harold R. Hunt, deceased, were legally determined to be said Antwine Hunt and Hazel May Hunt and said parties succeeded equally the estate of said deceased. Hazel May Hunt is not a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians but is a white woman, and she conveyed her interest in said lands to Joseph D. Mitchell, and said Antwine Hunt subsequently purchased said undivided interest from said Joseph D. Mitchell. At the time said Antwine Hunt executed said lease he owned the entire tract of land and said lease was not executed upon the forms prescribed by the Department of the Interior's rules and regulations and was not submitted to or approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The above described lands were allotted as surplus lands.

9. The defendants procured a lease to be executed in the name of R. H. Chowning on the lands described in the bill as allotted to Cecelia Rogers, at the time acting as the agent of said R. H. Chowning. Said lands were allotted, as surplus land under the Act of Congress above mentioned, and said [Cecelia] Rogers is a minor under the age of twenty-one years. The lease was executed by Jasper Rogers and Ro a Rogers, father and mother of said minor, and at the time of the execution of said lease a certificate of competency had been issued and delivered to said parents of said minor under the Act of Congress above mentioned;

10. The defendants procured a lease in favor of R. H. Chowning, acting as his agent, on the lands described in the bill as allotted to Hun-kah; that said allottee is a minor under the age of twenty-one years, and said lease was executed by Joseph Bates the father of said minor and a member of said Osage Tribe of Indians to whom a certificate of competency had prior thereto been issued and delivered under said Act of Congress above mentioned. The mother of said minor is a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians and has never received a certificate of competency. Under the custom, usage and practice of the Department of the Interior it is permissible for the head of the family, being a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, to lease his minor child's land and receive the rentals, and under the rules of the Department of the Interior it is not necessary that the wife of the lessor, or the mother of the minor child, as in this case, execute said lease jointly with the father. The above described lands were allotted as surplus lands.

11. The defendants have a lease executed by the heirs of Tsapah-ke-ah on the lands described in the bill as belonging to his heirs, which lease is in accordance with the rules and regulations of and duly approved by the Secretary of the Interior;

12. The lands described in the bill as belonging to Wy-u-hah-kah were allotted to him under said Act of Congress, and said allottee is dead. His estate has been duly administered in the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, and his sole and only heirs at law determined to be Hau-ah-me-tsa-he, who succeeds an undivided one-third interest, is a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians to whom a certificate of competency has not been issued, Jennie Gray who succeeds to an undivided two-ninths interest and John Oberly who succeeds to an undivided two-ninths, both of said parties being members of the Osage Tribe of Indians to whom certificates of competency had been issued, and Andrew Penn and Grace Morrel, who succeed to a one-ninth interest each; that Andrew Penn is dead, and during his lifetime no certificate of competency had been issued. The estate of said Andrew Penn, deceased, is now being administered in the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, and said Andrew Penn died intestate. The lands in this paragraph mentioned, together with other lands, are the subject of action in a partition suit now pending in the District Court of Osage County, Oklahoma. Since the plaintiff herein instituted this suit the defendants have purchased from the said Jennie Gray and John Oberly an undivided four-ninths interest in said land, said parties conveying said four-ninths interest to these defendants by a warranty deed.

37 The defendants are using said lands and are ready, able and willing to pay to the non-competent tenants in common their portion of the share of the usable or rental value of said lands. This land was originally allotted as surplus lands.

13. The land described in the bill as belonging to the heirs of Wah-tsa-moie, deceased, were allotted to him as surplus lands under the aforesaid act of Congress, and the heirs at law of said decedent have been determined to be Martha Pryor, Michael Wah-tsa moie and Harry Wah-tsa-moie, and each succeeded to an undivided one-third interest therein. Said heirs, with the exception of said Harry-Wah-tsa-moie, are members of the Osage Tribe of Indians and have no certificates of competency. Harry Wah-tsa-moie was not a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians and not enrolled as such on the approved rolls of said tribe. Subsequent to the time the undivided one-third interest in said property was cast upon said Harry-Wah-tsa-moie he died intestate and his mother, Martha Pryor, succeeded, as the heir at law of said Harry Wah-tsa-moie, to the said undivided one-third interest in said lands so inherited by him; the defendants purchased from Martha Pryor the undivided one-third interest which she inherited from Harry Wah-tsa-moie and said interest was conveyed by a warranty deed to them by said Martha Pryor and they are now claiming under said deed of conveyance to be the owners of the undivided one-third interest in said land. Said defendants are able, ready and willing to pay their tenant in common two-thirds of the usual value or rental of said premises. The defendants are in possession of said premises and using the same. Martha Pryor is an adult and consents to the defendants occupying said premises and paying her her portion of the usable or rental value thereof. Michael Wah-tsa-moie is a minor under the age of twenty-one years;

14. The defendants have no lease and have not procured any lease or leases for anyone else and are not using any of the lands described in the bill as allotted to Wah-hrah-lum-pah, Clarence Gray, Jr., He-se-moie, Shon-kah-mo-lah, Jessie James, Ida M. Dunn and Hlu-ah-me-tsa-he;

15. The defendants have a lease upon the E 1-2 of SW 1-4 and the W 1-2 of SE 1-4 of 10, 28 N., 7, in Osage County, Oklahoma, which was allotted as surplus lands under the aforesaid Act of Congress to the heirs of Wah-shah-me-tsa-he, deceased Osage allottee No. 770. Said allottee died intestate on August 3, 1907, and at the time of her death had not selected any lands under said allotment Act. The deed issued under said Act of Congress conveys said land to the heirs of Wah-shah-me-tsa-he, deceased. The sole heirs at law of said deceased allottee are Ho-ki-ah-se and Me-tsa-he, both non-competent members of the Osage Tribe of Indians and adults. Said lease upon said lands to these defendants is executed by said sole heirs at law and is not upon the Departmental form and is not made and approved in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of the Interior, and said lease has never been submitted for approval. In addition to this lease the defendants have leases on other lands allotted as described in this paragraph, the leases being executed by members of the Osage Tribe of Indians who are of the same status as the heirs above mentioned, which leases are not approved by the Secretary of the Interior;

16. The defendants have a lease upon the NE 1-4 of 15, 28 N. 6, in Osage County, Oklahoma, which land was allotted as surplus lands to Jack Wheeler, Osage allottee No. 728. Jack Wheeler died testate on the 16th day of May, 1916, leaving a will which has been approved by the Department of the Interior and which will has been filed and probated by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, and the estate of said Jack Wheeler is now pending settlement in said court. This will reads as follows:

Know all men by these presents:

That I Jack Wheeler, an Osage allottee do hereby make, publish and declare this as my last will and testament.

First. I give bequeath and devise unto my wife Nah-me tsa-he all of my property of which I may die possessed or seized both real, personal and mixed.

Second. I desire that out of my property my indebtedness for last sickness be paid, and it is my wish to pay and I hereby give and devise unto H. H. Brenner, a sufficient amount of my property to pay any indebtedness to him in the sum of between Thirteen and Fourteen Hundred Dollars. Also I desire that the Wynona Bank of Wynona be paid Sixty Dollars, and Mr. Badger about Twenty Dollars, which sums I owe them.

39 In witness whereof I have subscribed my name by causing same to be subscribed and witnessed at Pawhuska, Oklahoma this 15th day of May 1916.

JACK WHEELER,      his  
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                                 mark

I signed the name of Jack Wheeler at his request and in his presence and witnessed his mark.

AUGUSTUS CHOUTEAU.

I also witnessed his mark.

C. S. MACDONALD.

The foregoing instrument on the reverse side of this sheet of paper was signed and published as and for his last will in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and we at the same time, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other hereto subscribe our names and residences as witnesses.

C. S. MACDONALD,  
Pawhuska, Okla.  
W. R. SENECA,  
Pawhuska, Okla.

I, Augusta Chouteau, hereby certify that I interpreted the foregoing will from the English language into the Osage language and explained the same fully to Jack Wheeler, that he fully understood same and the Will was drawn by C. S. Macdonald, who wrote what Jack Wheeler stated to me he wanted—that after said Will was written I read it and explained same to Jack Wheeler who stated it was what he desired.

Witness my hand this 15th day of May, 1916.

AUGUSTUS CHOUTEAU.

Endorsed.

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Department of the Interior.  
Office of Indian Affairs.  
Aug. 26, 1916.

It is respectfully recommended that the within Will be approved in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of April 18, 1912. (37 Stat. L., 86, 88.)

Respectfully,

E. B. MERRITT,  
Assistant Commissioner.



Department of the Interior,  
Office of the Secretary,  
Aug. 31, 1916.

The within Will is hereby approved in pursuance of the provision of the Act of April 18, 1912. (37 Stat. L., 86, 88)

BO. SWEENEY,  
*Assistant Secretary.*

Rec. Will R. 1, Page 18.

County Court, State of Oklahoma, Osage County, Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Filed Oct. 4, 1916. Thos. Leahy, Clerk, by Belva L. Moore, Deputy.

Duly Certified.

The lease above mentioned was executed by Nah-me-sa-he, the beneficiary named in this will, and executed after the death of said Jask Wheeler. Nah-me-tsa-he is a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians to whom a certificate of competency has not been issued. The lease taken by the defendants is not taken in conformity to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of the Interior and has never been submitted to the Department of the Interior. The defendants have other leases upon other lands which have been likewise devised by Osage Indians, the devisees being non-competent Osage Indians and the wills being approved by the Department of the Interior.

17. The defendants have a lease upon the NE 1-4 of 9, 25 N., 7. in Osage County, Oklahoma. This land was allotted as homestead lands under the Act of Congress above mentioned to the heirs of Walter Florer, deceased. Walter Florer was enrolled upon the Osage tribal rolls and died intestate between January 1, 1906, and June 28, 1906. Consequently, said decedent had not selected any land under said allotment Act at the time of his death. The sole heir at law of said Walter Florer has been legally determined to be and is Kah-wah-c, Osage allottee No. 88, now deceased. Kah-wah-c died leaving a will which has been duly approved by the Secretary of the Interior. This will reads as follows:

*Last Will and Testament of Kah-Wah-C.*

I, Kah-wah-c, Osage Allottee No. 88, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do hereby make, publish and declare this instrument as and for my last will and Testament.

First. I hereby direct my last sickness and funeral expenses paid as soon after my death as may be.

Second. I hereby devise to my wife, Ke-ah-som-pah, a life interest in my homestead allotment.

Third. I hereby give and bequeath to my wife, Ke-ah-som-pah, one-third of all oil and gas royalties, either allotted to or inherited by me, of which I may die possessed, or which may accrue after my death.

Fourth. I hereby give and bequeath to my wife, Ke-ah-som-pah, one-third of all trust funds, or other funds of which I may die possessed.

Fifth. I hereby devise unto my wife, Ke-ah-som-pah, my undivided one-half interest of, in and to the second and third selections of land allotted to my deceased children, Nah-so-su-pah No. 94 and Kah-ah-som-pah No. 93.

Sixth. I hereby devise unto my daughter, Annie Yellow Horse, my homestead allotment, subject to the life interest of my wife, Ke-ah-som-pah.

Seventh. I hereby devise unto my daughter, Amanda Claremore, the second selection of land allotted to me.

Eighth: I hereby devise unto my son, Joe Bates, the third selection and fraction of fifteen acres in Sec. 24, Twp. 28, R. 9, of land allotted to me.

Ninth. I hereby give and bequeath unto my son, Ah-kah-hu (John Yellow Horse) one-third of all trust funds and other funds of which I may die possessed.

Tenth. I hereby give and bequeath unto my son, Ah-kah-hu (Yellow Horse) one-third of all oil and gas royalties [wither] allotted to me or inherited by me, of which I may die possessed, or which may accrue after my death.

42      Eleventh. I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter, Maggie Godde, one-third of all trust funds, and other funds of which I may die possessed.

Twelfth. I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter, Maggie Godde, one-third of all oil and gas royalties, either allotted to me or inherited by me, of which I may die possessed, or which may accrue after my death.

Thirteenth. I hereby give and bequeath unto my son-in-law, John Claremore, my ceremonial arrow and gourd, together with the paraphernalia connected therewith.

Fourteenth. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of whatsoever kind, and wheresoever situate, I give, devise and bequeath unto my wife, Ke-ah-som-pah.

Fifteenth. All devises of real estate made hereunder are made subject to the condition that the said real estate shall not be encumbered or alienated without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of March, 1916.

(His Thumbmark.)  
KAH-WAH-C.

I signed the name of Kah-wah-c hereto at his request and in his presence.

A. T. WOODWARD.

Signed, published and declared by [Wah-wah-c.] Osage Allottee No. 88 to be his last Will and Testament, and subscribed to by us as witnesses, who sign as such at the request and in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other.

(Government Interpreter)

ARTHUR BONNICASTLE,  
*Pawhuska, Okla.*

(Government Attorney)

A. T. WOODWARD,  
*Pawhuska, Okla.*

(Government Farmer)

R. M. WEIMER,  
*Fairfax, Okla.*

I certify that above named parties are in Government employ, as indicated.

J. GEORGE WRIGHT,  
*Supt. Osage.*

43 I hereby certify that I fully and correctly interpreted the foregoing instrument to the testator, Kah-wah-c, and he clearly understood the terms thereof.

ARTHUR BONNICASTLE,  
*Interpreter.*

Endorsed on Back:

Department of The Interior. Office of Indian Affairs. July 19, 1916. It is respectfully recommended that the within will be approved in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of April 18, 1912 (37 Stat. 1., 86, 88.) Respectfully, E. B. Merritt, Asst. Commissioner.

Department of the Interior. Office of the Secretary. July 2, 1916. The within will is hereby approved in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of April 18, 1912. (37 Stats. L., 86, 88). Andrus A. Jones, Assistant Secretary.

Recorded July 26, 1916.

County Court, State of Oklahoma, Osage County Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Filed Aug. 7, 1916. Thos. Leahy, Court Clerk, By A. E. Cotter, Deputy.

Rec. Will Rec. 1, Page 6 & 7.

This will has been duly probated by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, and under said will said County Court has rendered judgment, adjudicating Ke-ah-som-pah, one of the beneficiaries

named in said will, to be the owner of and entitled to the lands described in this paragraph, and that she takes said land under said will. The said Ke-ah-som-pah sold the land described in this paragraph and conveyed the same by a warranty deed to a white man and the said grantee of said Ke-ah-som-pah leased said land to these defendants, which lease is not approved by the Secretary of the Interior and is not upon the form prescribed by the Department of the Interior or in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of the Interior; that the said Keh-wah-c and the said Ke-ah-som-pah never received a certificate of competency under the said Act of Congress;

18. H. G. Ezell has a lease on the lands described in the bill as the Jesse James surplus allotment, which lease was approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Said lease is made for grazing and agricultural purposes and the lands in question is only valuable for grazing purposes. The defendants have valid leases on lands adjacent to the land leased to H. G. Ezell, to wit, the Jesse James allotment, which lands are used for grazing purposes. The lands leased by H. G. Ezell and the lands leased by the defendants are not separately fenced but are situated in a large pasture which included other lands and the entire tract is surrounded by a fence. The defendants in grazing their lands do not fence their lands separately and, consequently, their cattle stray upon and graze the said lands leased to H. G. Ezell. The said H. G. Ezell has paid the allottee the full consideration for said lease and straying of said cattle upon the Ezell lease does not injure the lands other than that the cattle eat the grass grown thereon;

19. The leases above mentioned as being held by the defendants or their agents, were not drawn on the form prescribed by the Regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior, nor were they submitted for approval or approved by the Secretary of the Interior in compliance with said regulations, except as herein specifically set out. The form for Farming and Grazing leases herein referred to, with the rules and regulations governing the execution and approval of the same printed thereon, is set out in full in the bill of the plaintiff referred to, and is by reference incorporated herein.

It is stipulated and agreed that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct condensed statement of the evidence in the above entitled cause, and that the same may be presented to the Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma by his approval on the 10 day of January, 1918. All parties hereto waive all required notices of the time and place of presenting the same for approval and settlement, and consent that the same may be approved and settled without the presence of counsel for either party, and the same may be approved, filed and used for the purposes of an appeal and cross appeal.

T. J. LEAHY,

C. S. MACDONALD,

*Attorneys for Appellant.*

REDMOND S. COLE,

*Assistant United States Attorney and  
Attorney for Appellee.*

45 The foregoing condensed statement of the evidence in this cause, being presented to me for approval, I hereby approve the same as true and correct, and direct that it be filed and made a part of the record, for the purpose of an appeal and cross appeal.

January 10, 1918.

JOHN H. COTTERAL,  
*District Judge.*

Endorsed: Filed in District Court January 10, 1918.

*Memorandum of Rulings as Basis for Final Decree.*

The complaint is for continuing procurement of leases of allotted lands from certain incompetent Osage Indians and divers other Osage Indians, also incompetent, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, inclosing the lands into a pasture and furnishing them by lease or contract to persons, firms and corporations for use in grazing their cattle.

The ruling heretofore made as to the sufficiency of the bill is adhered to. The Government has the right and the duty to sue for the enforcement of its policy toward the Osage Indians as contained in the legislation of Congress, which limits their power of alienating their allotments and reserves to the Secretary the authority to determine when certificates of competency may issue, lifting the restrictions upon their lands, and as further contained in the authorized rules and regulations promulgated by the Interior Department. This suit in equity for an injunction is proper and relief is justified where the facts are sufficient, as the relation of the Government toward incompetent members of this tribe holding restricted lands is one of trust, and furthermore it is requisite to avoid a multiplicity of cases for the same and like relief against continuing acts violative of the rights of the Indians to whom the Government owes protection. A final decree will be awarded against the defendants, enjoining them from procuring leases of lands not subject thereto without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and from enclosing such lands and furnishing them to others for pasturage and grazing purposes.

46 in the cases where the leases are here held to be so unauthorized and in all other like cases. The costs of this suit will also be taxed to the defendants. In the cases wherein it is held that the leases are authorized, or the Government has no duty respecting the lands, an injunction will be denied.

The rulings of the court with reference to the allotments described in the original and supplemental statements of facts and other like allotments are as follows:

Paragraph 2. Surplus allotments of McComb children and homestead allotment of one of them, viz., Rachel B. McComb, all specified as being "minors under the age of 21 years," the leases being made by the father, Fletcher McComb, a white man, not a member of the tribe, and by the mother, Ellen McComb, a competent Osage. Also, surplus allotment of Hallie Reece, such "minor," the lease being made by the mother, Elizabeth Reece, a competent Osage, and by the

father, Dr. Hal Reece, a white man, not a member of the tribe. Other leases were made of like character by parents who are competent Osage, or one of them a competent Osage and the other not a member of the tribe. As the allottees are presumed to be incompetent, all these leases must be held invalid, unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or what is equivalent, by Departmental Rules and Regulations, committing the privilege of leasing to one or both of the parents. The ground of this holding is that Section 7, Act June 28, 1906, 34 Stat. 539, while leaving the control, use and proceeds of the lands of minor members to the parents, provides that all leases for the benefit of individual members shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior. The leases cannot, therefore, have validity, without his sanction. Injunction granted.

Paragraph 3. Surplus allotments of Robert A. Lombard, Evart Chesswalla, and Andrew Pryor, all minors. Their fathers were members of the tribe and died some years ago. The leases were made by their mothers, who are white women and not members of the tribe. Presuming, as must be done that the allottees are incompetent, these and all similar leases are invalid, unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior, as provided by Section 7, Act June 28, 1906. Injunction granted.

Paragraph 4. Surplus allotments of Hiram Taylor, and of Wah-shah-hah-mee, deceased. The lease of the Taylor allotment was made by his guardian, appointed by the County Court of Osage County, and the lease was approved by that court. The heirs of Wah-shah-hah-mee are Peter Kenworthy and others, all being incompetent. Partition of that land was had in the State district court, wherein Peter Kenworthy elected to take the land, and the sheriff made a deed to him, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. Peter Kenworthy is a minor, and Ed T. Kennedy is his guardian. The lease of the land was made by the guardian and approved by the County Court. The presumption is that both appointments of guardians by these courts of record were based on sufficient facts, in accordance with Section 3, Act April 18, 1912, 37 Stat. 86. The requirement of Section 7, Act June 28, 1906, that the lease be subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior does not apply in such case. No ground is shown for resorting to this court, in the circumstances as that section authorized. Injunction denied.

Paragraph 5. Homestead allotment of Bessie Bruce, a competent Osage. The allottee can alienate the land only at the end of 25 years. Sections 4 and 7, Act June 28, 1906. *Aaron vs. U. S.*, 204 Fed. 943. A lease is comprehended in alienation. *Parker v. Riley*, 243 Fed. 42. This lease is violative of said Act. Injunction granted.

Paragraph 6. Surplus allotment of Lena Bruce, an incompetent Osage. The lease is invalid, for the same reason as stated in paragraph 5.

Paragraph 7. Surplus allotments of Walter Harvey, deceased. He is presumed to have been incompetent. His heirs are his mother,

Mary Harvey, an incompetent Osage, and his father, Luther Harvey, a competent Osage. Luther Harvey's interest passed by foreclosure to R. C. Drummond, a white man, and not a member of the tribe. Luther Harvey was entitled to incumber his interest, under Section 6, Act April 18, 1912. Drummond and Mary Harvey executed the lease in question. Mary Harvey was not entitled to execute it without sanction of the Secretary of the Interior as the restriction under section 4, Act June 28, 1906, in such case adhered to the land after the allottee's death, and by fair interpretation it was meant to be continued as to incompetent heirs, under Section 6, Act April 18, 1912. Drummond had a right to lease his own interest only, but none to lease the other 1-2 interest. Injunction against procurement of the lease in any way as to that interest.

Paragraph 8. Surplus allotment of Harold R. Hunt, deceased. He is presumed to have been incompetent. His heirs are Antwine Hunt, father, an incompetent Osage, and Hazel May Hunt, a white woman, and not a member of the tribe, these heirs taking equal interests. She conveyed her 1-2 interest to Joseph D. Mitchell, and that interest was bought by Antwine Hunt. The lease was made by Antwine Hunt. The mother's interest was not restricted. *Levindale v. Coleman*, 241 U. S., 432. It was subject to conveyance by her, and Antwine Hunt acquired an unrestricted title to that interest. His other interest remained however, restricted, under Sec. 4, Act June 28, 1906, and the lease is invalid as to that interest. Injunction granted, as under paragraph 7.

Paragraph 9. Surplus allotment of Cecilia Rogers, a minor. The lease was made by her parents both competent Osages. The lease required approval by the Secretary of the Interior, as provided by Sec. 7, Act June 28, 1906; and until recognized by the Department, it is invalid. Injunction granted.

Paragraph 10. Surplus allotment of Hun-kah, a minor. Lease was made by father, a competent member of the tribe. The mother is an incompetent member of the tribe. It is conceded that the Secretary of the Interior recognizes the right of the father to make the lease. But it requires Departmental approval. Injunction granted.

Paragraph 11. Surplus allotment of Tsa-pah-ke-ah. It is conceded that this lease complies with the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and has his approval. It is valid, and the injunction will be denied.

Paragraph 12. Surplus allotment of Wy-u-hah-kah, deceased. His estate has been administered. His heirs are Han-ah-me-tsa-he, 1-3 interest, an incompetent Osage, Jennie Gray, 2-9 interest, a competent Osage, John Oberly, 2-9 interest, a competent Osage, Andrew Penn, deceased, 1-9 interest, an incompetent Osage, and Grace Merrill, 1-9 interest, (presumed) incompetent. Andrew Penn died intestate. These lands are involved in a partition suit. The defendants have purchased the interests, 4-9, of Jennie Gray and John Oberly, obtaining a warranty deed therefor.



49 The Government is entitled to maintain the suit for the protection of the 1-3, or 3-9 interest of Hau-ah-me-tsa-he, as he is incompetent, and his restriction is not removed by Section 6, Act April 18, 1912. The 4-9 interest of Jennie Gray and John Oberly, for like reason, have been lawfully conveyed to the defendants. The remaining 2-9 interests of the estate of Andrew Penn and Grace Morrill, are subject to protection by the Government. The title by partition of the Penn interest requires approval by the Secretary of the Interior, and without it, the lease is invalid as to that interest. Also a lease of the interest of Grace Morrill is invalid. Injunction against the lease for said interests (2-9), of Andrew Penn estate and of Grace Morrill, and the 1-3 of Hau-ah-me-tsa-he.

Paragraph 13. Surplus allotment of Wah-tsa-moie, deceased. His heirs are Martha Pryor, an incompetent Osage, Michael Wah-tsa-moie, an incompetent Osage, a minor, Harry Wah-tsa-moie, deceased, a non-member of the tribe, each succeeding to a 1-3 interest.

Harry Wah-tsa-moie lately died intestate, and his mother, Martha Pryor, as his heir took his 1-3 interest. The defendants have bought that interest, and obtained her deed therefor. She concurs in the occupancy of the land by the defendants and payment to her for her portion. The interest of Harry Wah-tsa-moie passed to him without restriction, as he was not a member of the tribe, by the express terms of Section 6, Act April 18, 1912. Martha Pryor therefore took such title thereto, and by her conveyance, an unrestricted title thereto was acquired by the defendants. However, the interest inherited by her from the allottee, and the interest inherited from him by Michael Wah-tsa-moie, remain subject to restriction, under Section 4, Act June 28, 1906, and could not be leased, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. They do not appear to have been leased at all. The injunction will be granted against such 2-3 interest by the defendants.

Paragraph 14. Surplus allotments of Wah-brah-lum-pah, et al. These lands have not been leased and are not being used by the defendants. No ground appears for an injunction. Denied.

Paragraph 15. Surplus allotment of the heirs of Wah-shah-me-tsa-he, who died intestate August 3, 1907, without  
50 having made any selection of land. The heirs are Ho-ki-ah-se, an incompetent Osage, and Me-tsa-he, an incompetent Osage. They made the lease involved. The allotments are held to be valid. They are subject to restriction, under Section 4, Act June 28, 1906, and the leases on these and similar lands are invalid for want of approval by the Secretary of the Interior. Injunction granted.

Paragraph 16. Surplus allotment of Jack Wheeler, who died testate, May 16, 1916, and his will, approved by the Department of the Interior, is now pending probate. It devised to his wife, Nah-me-tsa-he, all his property, and contains no terms of restriction. She is an incompetent Osage. She made the lease involved. The holding of the court is that the effect of the will is to designate the suc-

cessors in lieu of those to whom the land would descend under the laws of this state, and when members of the tribe that the will did not remove the restrictions. However, the land is subject to administration in the County Court, under Section 3, Act April 18, 1912. If there were an administrator, he would be entitled to have the rents and profits, and to lease the land. It does not appear that any administrator has been appointed. Until his appointment, no lease by the devisee can be valid, and if appointed, still the aid of this court may be had, as a protection against dissipation or waste of the property, etc., under Section 3, Act April 18, 1912. Meantime, an injunction is proper in this and other similar cases, effective only until and in event of a lease being made by an administrator.

Paragraph 17. Homestead allotment of the heirs of Walter Florer, who died intestate between January 1, 1906 and June 28, 1903. The sole heir at law is Kah-wah-e, an incompetent Osage allottee, who died leaving a will, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, heretofore admitted to probate, containing a restriction against alienation by devisees without the consent of the secretary of the Interior. Ke-ah-som-pah is sole devisee of the lands involved. She has sold and conveyed the land to a white man, who leased it to the defendants, without Departmental approval. The lease is invalid, because the land was restricted when allotted, and the devisee (presumed incompetent) was disabled to convey it. The power of the Secretary to determine whether a will shall be effective, under Section 51 8, Act April 18, 1912, includes the power to prescribe the terms, as to alienation. Injunction granted.

Paragraph 18. Surplus allotment of Jesse James. The lease to H. G. Ezell was approved by the Secretary of the Interior and is valid. The rental is paid, and there is no duty of the Government toward the allottee to protect the interests of Mr. Ezell. Injunction denied.

Paragraph 19. The facts are not stated in this paragraph from which it can be determined whether the leases were authorized or not. No injunction is warranted.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

November 8, 1917.

JOHN H. COTTERAL,

*Judge.*

Endorsed: Filed in District Court November 8, 1917.

*Decree.*

Now, on this eighth day of November, 1917, this cause came on to be determined, the same being one of the regular judicial days of the special October term of said Court, held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; the plaintiff appearing by John A. Fain, United States Attorney, and by Redmond S. Cole, Assistant United States Attor-

ey, and the defendants appearing by Leahy & Macdonald, their attorneys; and upon consideration of the pleadings and the agreed statements of fact, it was Ordered and Adjudged and Decreed as follows:

That the plaintiff has the right and the duty to enforce its policy towards the Osage Indian in the matter of alienating and leasing their lands, as contained in the legislation of Congress, which limits the power of the allottees to alienate their allotments, where the restrictions upon alienation have not been removed, in conformity with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior, and further that this suit was properly brought for equitable relief.

The Court finds the defendants are leasing and taking leases of the allotments of minor members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, executed by the parents of said minors, in cases where one parent is a white person, and not a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, and the other parent of the minor a member of the Osage tribe of Indians, to whom a certificate had been issued, under the Act of Congress of June 28th, 1906; and that said leases are made without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

It is Ordered and Adjudged and Decreed that all such leases upon minor allottee's lands are invalid, unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and the defendants are hereby enjoined from leasing any lands of such kind and character, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and from in any manner using or enclosing such lands, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court further finds the defendants have leased the allotments of Robert A. Lombard, Evart Che-she-wal-la and Andrew Pryor, all minor members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, whose fathers are dead, the said leases having been executed by the mothers of said minors, who are all white women, and not members of the Osage Tribe of Indians; and that said leases have not been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed that said leases, and other leases upon lands of like kind and character are invalid, and the defendants are hereby enjoined from in any manner using or occupying lands of this character, or leasing same, or enclosing same, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court further finds the defendants have a lease upon the allotment of Hiram Taylor, a minor Osage allottee; that said minor allottee has a guardian, who was appointed by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma; that said lease was executed by the guardian of said minor allottee, and duly approved by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma; that defendants have other leases executed by guardians of like kind and character.

The Court finds that said leases are valid, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and it is, therefore, ordered and adjudged and decreed that an injunction upon this class of lands, be, and the same is, hereby denied.

The Court further finds that the defendants have a lease upon the

53 homestead allotment of Bessie Bruce, a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, to whom a certificate of competency was issued under the Act of June 28th, 1906, which lease was executed by the allottee after the delivery of the said certificate of competency, and was not approved by the Secretary of the Interior that said lease is an alienation of the premises, and is in violation of the Act of Congress above mentioned, and is invalid, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

It is, Therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed that the defendants be, and they are hereby enjoined from leasing or occupying or using said homestead allotment of Bessie Bruce, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. The defendants are further enjoined from leasing, occupying or using any other homestead allotments of members of the Osage Tribe of Indians of like kind and character as the Bessie Bruce allotment, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court further finds the defendants have a lease upon the surplus allotments of Lena Bruce, a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, and that said Lena Bruce has never received a certificate of competency.

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that said lease is invalid, and the defendants are hereby enjoined from using said lands, or enclosing same, and from leasing said lands, or any other lands in Osage County of like kind and character, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court finds that the defendants have a lease on 160 acres of land allotted to Walter Harvey, deceased, a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians; that the heirs at law of Walter Harvey are Mary Harvey, his mother, an Osage Indian to whom a certificate of competency has not been issued, and his father, Luther Harvey, a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, who has received a certificate of competency; that Luther Harvey mortgaged his one-half interest, and the mortgage was foreclosed, and R. C. Drummond, a white man, and not a member of the Tribe, became the owner of an undivided one-half interest in said tract of land; that the said Luther Harvey had a right to alienate said one-half interest; that the lease held by the defendants is executed by Mary Harvey and R. C. Drummond, above mentioned, and was not approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

54 It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the lease on the undivided one-half interest of said land by Drummond to the defendants is valid; and that the lease to the defendants by Mary Harvey, on the other one-half interest, is invalid, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and that the defendants be, and they are, hereby enjoined from leasing said undivided one-half interest of Mary Harvey, or in any manner dealing with said undivided one-half interest, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court further finds that the defendants have a lease upon the South Half of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Twenty-seven, (27), Range Seven (7), in Osage County, Oklahoma, executed by

Antwine Hunt, as lessor; that the said land was allotted Harold R. Hunt, as a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians; that the said Harold R. Hunt died in infancy, leaving as his sole and only heirs at law, his father, Antwine Hunt, who has never received a certificate of competency, and Hazel May Hunt, his mother, a white woman, not a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, that said heirs at law succeeded to the land equally; that said Hazel May Hunt conveyed by Warranty Deed, her interest to Joseph D. Mitchell, and the said Antwine Hunt purchased said undivided one-half interest from Joseph D. Mitchell, and is now the owner of the entire tract of land; that the undivided one-half interest of Hazel May Hunt was not restricted; that the said undivided one-half interest inherited by Antwine Hunt is restricted, and cannot be leased without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the lease on the undivided one-half interest in said land which is restricted, as aforesaid, is invalid; and the defendants are hereby enjoined from leasing said restricted undivided one-half interest, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, or in any manner dealing with said undivided one-half interest, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and that an injunction herein be denied as to the leasing or dealing with the other undivided one-half interest in said land.

The Court further finds that the defendants have a lease upon the allotment of Cecilia Rogers, a minor, a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, executed by the father and mother of said minor; that the father and mother of said minor, prior to the execution of said lease, had both received certificates of competency, under the Act of June 28th, 1906; and that said lease has not been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the defendants be, and they are hereby enjoined from occupying or using said lands, or in any manner dealing with said lands, or lands of like kind and character, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court further finds that the defendants have a lease on the lands allotted to Hun-kah, a minor, a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, which lease is executed by the father of said minor; that the father has received a certificate of competency.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the defendants be, and they are hereby enjoined from occupying or using, or in any manner dealing with said lands, or with lands of like kind and character, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court finds that the defendants have a lease upon the lands allotted to Tsa-pah-ke-ah, which lease has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed, that the said lease is valid and an injunction be, and the same is, hereby denied, as to said land.

The Court further finds that the defendants own an undivided four-ninths (4-9) interest in the lands described in the will as allotted to Wy-uh-ah-kah, deceased; that his estate has been administered in the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma; that certain of his heirs at law were Hah-ah-me-tsa-he, who succeeded to an undivided

one-third (1-3) interest; Grace Morril, who succeeded to an undivided one-ninth (1-9) interest, and Andrew Penn, who succeeded to an undivided one-ninth (1-9) interest; none of whom ever received a certificate of competency, under the act of Congress of June 28th, 1906; that the decedent was a non-competent member of the Osage Tribe of Indians; that Jennie Gray and John Oberly, his other heirs at law, succeeded to an undivided four-ninths (4-9) interest in  
56 said property, and prior to inheriting said lands, these parties had received certificates of competency; and subsequently conveyed the undivided four-ninths (4-9) interest to the defendants; that all of said lands are the subject of an action for the partition thereof, which action is pending in the District Court of Osage County, Oklahoma; that Andrew Penn is dead, and his estate is now being administered in the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma; that the defendants are using said land, and are ready and willing to pay the other tenants in common their portion or share of the usable or rental value of the said lands.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the defendants own an undivided four-ninths (4-9) interest in said lands, and that the interest of the heirs at law, above set out, of the other five-ninths (5-9) interest, is restricted, and that the defendants be, and they are hereby enjoined from leasing said five-ninths (5-9) restricted interest in said land, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and are enjoined from occupying or using the premises, or any part thereof, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court further finds that certain lands mentioned in the will, were allotted to Wah-tsa-moie, a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians; that he died without having received a certificate of competency, leaving as his sole and only heirs at law, Martha Pryor and Michael Wah-tsa-moie, members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, neither of whom had received certificates of competency, and Harry Wah-tsa-moie, who was not enrolled as a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians each of said heirs at law succeeding to an undivided one-third (1-3) interest; that Harry Wah-tsa-moie died intestate, and his mother Martha Pryor succeeded to the undivided one-third (1-3) interest inherited by him from his father; that said Harry Wah-tsa-moie, being a non-member of the Tribe, under the Act of April 18th, 1912, the restrictions from said interest were removed; that the defendants bought said undivided one-third (1-3) interest which was unrestricted, and are the owners thereof; that they are occupying the land with the consent of Martha Pryor, who is an adult, the other heir, Michael Wah-tsa-moie, being a minor; that the defendants are able and willing to pay the portion of the usable value  
or the rental of said land due the other tenants in common;  
57 that the Secretary of the Interior has not consented to the occupancy of said land by the defendants, and the defendants have no approved lease on the undivided two-thirds (2-3) interest in said land which was restricted.

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the defendants are the owners of an undivided one-third (1-3) interest in said lands, and that Martha Pryor and Michael Wah-tsa-moie are the owners of an undivided two-third's (2-3) interest in said lands, which two-third's (2-3) interest remains restricted, under Section 4 of the Act of June

28th, 1906; that the defendants and each of them, are hereby enjoined from in any manner occupying or using the said lands, or any portion thereof, or from enclosing same, or in any manner dealing with said lands, or any part thereof, without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, or without procuring a lease upon the undivided one-third (1-3) interest which is restricted.

The Court further finds that the defendants are not using or dealing with the lands allotted to Wah-rah-lum-pah, mentioned in the bill, and are not leasing same, and no ground appears for an injunction, and it is therefore, denied.

The Court further finds that the defendants have a lease upon the East Half of the Southwest Quarter and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Ten (10) Township Twenty-eight (28), Range Seven (7), in Osage County, Oklahoma, which land was allotted to the heirs of Wah-shah-me-tsa-he, deceased, Osage Allottee, No. 770; that said allottee died intestate on August 3rd, 1907, and at the time of her death had not selected any land under the Allotment Act; that her sole and only heirs at law are Ho-ki-ah-se and Me-tsa-he, both adults and members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, and neither of said parties ever have received a certificate of competency; that said lease was executed by the said heirs, and was not approved by the Secretary of the Interior; that the defendants have other leases upon lands of similar character.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that said lands are subject to the restrictions under Section 4 of the Act of June 28th, 1906, and that leases on said lands, and similar lands, are invalid, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and that the defendants be, and they are, hereby enjoined from leasing or occupying, or  
58 in any manner dealing with said lands, or any other lands of like kind and character, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court further finds that the defendants have a lease upon the Northeast Quarter of Section Fifteen (15) Township Twenty-eight (28) Range Six (6), in Osage County, Oklahoma, which land was allotted as surplus land to Jack Wheeler, Osage Allottee, number 728; that the said Jack Wheeler died testate on the 16th day of May, 1916, leaving a will, which has been legally admitted to probate by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma; that, under the will of said decedent, Nah-me-tsa-he acquired said land as devisee; that the said devisee is a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, and has never received a certificate of competency; that she leased said lands to the defendants, and that said lease was not approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court finds the land is subject to administration in the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, under Section 3 of the Act of April 18th, 1912, and to lease by the administrator, and that said administrator may collect the rents on said land, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and that it does not appear herein that an administrator for said estate has been appointed.

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the effect of the said will was to designate the successors, in lieu of those to whom the land would otherwise descend, under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, that the will of Jack Wheeler did not remove the restrictions thereon,



and the said Nah-me-tsa-he, took said lands subject to all the restrictions against alienation, as provided for in the Act of June 28th, 1906, and that the defendants, and each of them, be and they are hereby enjoined from using or occupying or leasing, or in any manner dealing with said lands, or lands of similar character, in Osage County, Oklahoma, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court further finds that the defendants have a lease upon the Northeast Quarter of Section Nine (9) Township Twenty-five (25) Range Seven (7) in Osage County, Oklahoma, allotted to the heirs of Walter Florer, deceased, the lease being executed by a white man, not a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, to whom Ke-ah-som-pah, the devisee named in the will of Kah-wah-c, had conveyed said land by Warranty Deed; that this land was allotted to the heirs of Walter Florer, deceased, under the Act of Congress, approved June 28th, 1906, and Walter Florer was enrolled as a member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, and died intestate between January first, 1903, and June 28th, 1906, leaving as his sole and only heir at law, Kah-wah-c; that neither Walter Florer, Kah-wah-c nor Ke-ah-som-pah ever received a certificate of competency, under the above Act of Congress; that Kah-wah-c died, leaving a will, which was duly approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and which will, by the 15th Paragraph thereof, provides:

"All devises of real estate made hereunder, are made subject to the condition that the real estate shall not be encumbered or alienated, without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior."

that neither the Deed nor the lease above mentioned were approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

It is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that under the Act of June 28th, 1906, the lands allotted to the heirs of Walter Florer, deceased, were restricted, and said heirs took the lands subject to the restrictions against alienation, the same as if the land had been selected by Walter Florer, and allotted to him during his lifetime; that said conveyance and said lease are invalid, and of no force and effect, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and that the defendants, and each of them, be, and they are, hereby enjoined from using, conveying, enclosing or leasing the land above mentioned, or any other land of like kind or character, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Court further finds the lands mentioned in the Bill as allotted to Jesse James, are leased to H. G. Ezell, under the Departmental rules and regulations, which lease is approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and is valid, and that the rental due on said lease is paid.

It is Therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed, that there is no duty imposed upon the plaintiff to protect the interests of said Ezell, as lessee, and plaintiff is without authority to maintain this suit for injunction, so far as this land is concerned, that an injunction herein be, and the same is hereby denied, as to said land.

60 It is further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the defendants and each of them, and their agents and employees,

be, and they are hereby, enjoined from leasing for grazing and agricultural purposes, either directly or indirectly, in their own names or in the name of other persons, firms or corporations, and from dealing in leases on, using, occupying and enclosing for themselves or for others, any of the lands described in this decree as restricted lands, and all other lands in Osage County, Oklahoma, of like status and character, allotted to members of the Osage Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the costs of this action be taxed against the defendants.

To said Decree of the Court, and every part thereof wherein the defendants, or either of them, are enjoined, the defendants, and each of them, except, and pray the Court for an appeal from said Decree to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

To which Decree, in refusing to grant plaintiff an injunction, as prayed for, the plaintiff excepts.

It is further ordered that the appeal be, and the same, is, hereby granted to the defendants, upon the giving by them jointly of a bond, conditioned as provided by law, in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

JOHN H. COTTERAL,

*District Judge.*

O. K.

REDMOND S. COLE,

*Assistant U. S. Attorney.*

O. K.

LEAHY & MACDONALD.

Endorsed: Filed in District Court November 8, 1917.

*Motion to Substitute Copy for Lost File.*

Now come the defendants and show the court that the original petition for an appeal filed by the defendants, with the order allowing same, endorsed thereon, has been lost. That an exact copy of said petition and order is hereto attached.

Wherefore, the defendants pray the court for an order directing the clerk to file said copy in lieu of the original, so that the same may be incorporated in the Transcript.

C. S. MACDONALD,

T. J. LEAHY,

*Attorneys for Defendants.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Western District of Oklahoma, ss:*

Redmond S. Cole, Assistant United States Attorney, of lawful age being duly sworn on his oath says that he has read the above and foregoing motion; that he knows of his own personal knowl-

edge that the original petition for appeal filed in this court by the defendants, with the order of the court endorsed thereon allowing same, has been lost and that the copy attached thereto is a full, true and correct copy of the same.

REDMOND S. COLE,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1918.  
[SEAL.]

M. V. HAWK,

*Deputy Clerk of the United States District  
Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.*

*Petition for Appeal.*

To the Honorable John H. Cotteral, United States Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma:

The above named defendants, and each of them, feeling themselves aggrieved by the Decree made and entered in the above entitled cause, on the 8th day of November, 1917, do hereby appeal from said Order and Decree to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, for the reasons specified in the assignment of errors, which is filed with the Clerk of this Court, and which is herewith submitted; and pray that their appeal be allowed, and that citation issue, as provided by law, and that a transcript of the record, proceedings and papers, upon which said Decree was made, duly authenticated, may be sent to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit; and your petitioners further pray  
62 that the proper Order, touching the security to be required of them, to perfect their appeal, be made.

T. J. LEAHY,

C. S. MACDONALD,

*Solicitors.*

The foregoing prayer, for an appeal, is hereby granted, and appeal allowed, upon giving bond, conditioned as required by law, in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, this 21st day of November, 1917, said bond to be effective as to costs, but not as to stay of the injunction granted.

JOHN H. COTTERAL,

*Judge of the U. S. District Court  
for the Western District of Oklahoma.*

Filed Nov. 21, 1917. Arnold C. Dolde, Clerk by Frank T. McCoy, Deputy.

Endorsed: Filed in District Court January 10, 1918,

*Under, Jan. 10, 1918, Leave to Substitute Copy of Petition for Appeal in Lieu of Lost File.*

Now on this 10th day of January, 1918, comes the defendants by Leahy & McDonald, their attorneys, and show to the court that the petition for appeal herein was mislaid or lost in the office of the United States Attorney for this district, and move the court for an order directing the clerk of said court to file a copy of said petition for appeal attached to this motion in lieu of the original petition for appeal, and the court being fully advised in the premises, it is ordered that the clerk of said court file said copy of petition for appeal in lieu of the original petition for appeal.

*Assignment of Error.*

Now, on this 21st day of November, 1917, came the above named defendants, by their solicitors, T. J. Leahy and C. S. Macdonald, and say:

That the Decree made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 8th day of November, 1917, against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiff, is erroneous and unjust to the defendants, for the following reasons:

First. The Court erred in not sustaining the motion of the defendants to dismiss the Bill of Complaint of the plaintiff.

Second. The Court erred in rendering a final Decree against the defendants, and in favor of the plaintiff, and in holding and decreeing that leases made by the parents of minor Osage allottees, where one parent is a white person, and not a member of the Tribe, and the other parent holds a certificate of competency, are invalid unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and in enjoining the defendants from occupying or leasing such land, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Third. The Court erred in rendering a final Decree against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiff, and in holding and decreeing that the leases held by the defendants upon lands allotted to minor members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, which leases were executed by the mothers of said minors, the mothers being white persons, and non-members of the Tribe, and the fathers of said minors being dead, were invalid, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and the Court erred in granting an injunction in such cases.

Fourth. The Court erred in rendering a final Decree against the defendants, enjoining them from leasing homestead allotments of members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, where such member has received a certificate of competency.

Fifth. The Court erred in rendering final Decree against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiff, and in granting an injunction against the defendants, enjoining them from dealing with the lands allotted to Walter Harvey, upon which the defendants have

a lease from the white person owning an undivided one-half interest therein, and a non-competent Indian owning the other undivided one-half interest; and the Court erred in enjoining the defendants from in any manner dealing with the restricted undivided one-half interest, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Sixth. The Court erred in rendering a final Decree against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiff, enjoining the defendants from in any manner dealing with the undivided one-half interest, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, of the South Half of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Twenty-seven (27), Range Seven (7), which land was owned by Antwine Hunt, an undivided one-half interest of which is alienable without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and an undivided one-half interest of which is inalienable, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Seventh. The Court erred in rendering a final Decree against the defendants, and in favor of the plaintiff, and in holding and decreeing that the lands allotted minor Osage Indians could not be leased by the parents of such minors, where the parents have been issued certificates of competency, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Eighth. The Court erred in rendering final Decree against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiff, enjoining the defendants from occupying, or using or leasing, without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, the lands allotted Hun-kah, a minor member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, where the father of said minor has a certificate of competency, and executes the lease without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and the mother is a non-competent member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, and does not join in said lease.

Ninth. The Court erred in rendering final Decree against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiff, and in holding and decreeing that the lands allotted to Wy-n-huh-kah, a non-competent member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, who died leaving competent and non-competent heirs at law, were restricted lands, and the defendants, who were the owners of an undivided four-ninth's interest in said lands, could not use or occupy said lands, without the consent and approval of the Secretary of the Interior; and the Court erred in holding that the plaintiff could maintain this action, when the said lands were the subject of a suit pending in the District Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, for a partition thereof; and erred in holding that the defendants, who were tenants in common with non-competent members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, could not lease, or occupy, or use said premises, without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, or without an approved lease upon the restricted interest of said tenants in common.

Tenth. The Court erred in rendering a final Decree against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiff, and in holding that the plaintiff might maintain this suit against the defendants, who were the

owners of an undivided one-third interest in the lands allotted to Wah-tea-moie, deceased, a non-competent member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, and erred in holding that the defendants, who were the owners of an undivided one-third interest, could not occupy or use said premises, without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, or without obtaining an approved lease upon the other undivided two-third's interest, which is owned by non-competent members of the Osage Tribe of Indians.

Eleventh. The Court erred in rendering final Decree against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiff, enjoining the defendants from occupying, using or leasing without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the East Half of the Southwest Quarter, and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Ten (10), Township Twenty-eight (28), Range Seven (7), in Osage County, Oklahoma, which land was allotted to the heirs of Wah-shah-me-tsa-he, deceased Osage Allottee No. 797, and erred in holding that said lands were restricted, and that the heirs at law of said decedent, who are non-competent members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, could not lease said lands without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior; and the Court erred in holding that the restrictions against alienation, under the Act approved June 28th, 1903, were applicable to other than living members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, who had selected lands under said Act.

Twelfth. The Court erred in rendering a final Decree against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiff, enjoining the defendants from using, or occupying, and in holding the lease of the defendants invalid on the Northeast Quarter of Section Fifteen (15), Township Twenty-eight (28), Range Six (6), in Osage County, Oklahoma, without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, or the approval of such lease by the Secretary of the Interior; and erred in holding that the will of Jack Wheeler, which was approved by the Secretary of the Interior, was not a removal of restrictions upon said lands; and erred in holding that the devise under said will, took said lands subject to the restrictions under the Act of Congress of June 28th, 1906, against alienation; and erred in holding that the effect of a will is to designate the successors, in lieu of those to whom the land would descend under the laws of descent and distribution, applicable to the Osage Tribe of Indians, and that the devise in said will being a non-competent member of the Osage Tribe of Indians, acquired said land subject to the inhibition against alienation, in the same manner as a non-competent heir at law could succeed to said land.

Thirteenth. The Court erred in rendering a final Decree against the defendants and in favor of the plaintiff, enjoining the defendant from occupying or using, or in any manner dealing with the Northeast Quarter of Section Nine (9), Township Twenty-five (25), Range Seven (7), in Osage County, Oklahoma, without the consent or approval of the Secretary of the Interior; and erred in holding that the plaintiff had any authority to maintain this suit; and erred in holding that lands allotted to heirs of deceased member of the Osage

Tribe of Indians were in any manner restricted, or that the heirs at law were restricted from alienating said land; and erred in holding that the restrictions against alienation, expressed in the Act of June 28th, 1860, applied to such lands; and erred in construing the Act of Congress of June 28th, 1906, to impose restrictions upon lands allotted to deceased members of the Tribe; and the Court further erred in holding that the will of Kah-wah-c, which was duly approved by the Secretary of the Interior, was not a removal of restrictions; and in holding that the Secretary of the Interior had authority, under the Act of Congress of April 18th, 1912, to prescribe terms, or require the testator to incorporate a clause in the will, prohibiting the devisee from alienating said lands; and the Court erred in holding that the clause in the will of Kah-wah-c had the legal effect of preventing the devisee from legally conveying her interest in said property, so devised; and erred in holding that the said clause 15, in the said will was of any force or effect, whatever.

Fourteenth. The Decree is contrary to both law and equity.

Wherefore, The defendants pray that the said Decree be reversed, and the District Court be directed to dismiss the complaint, and the defendants have all other relief which to the Court may seem equitable, just and proper, the premises considered.

T. J. LEAHY,  
C. S. MACDONALD,  
*Solicitors for the Defendants.*

Endorsed: Filed in the District Court Nov. 21, 1917.

### *Appeal Bond.*

Known all men by these presents:

That we, George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, as principals, and A. N. Ruble and H. H. Brenner, as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto The United States of America in the full and just sum of Five Hundred Dollars, to be paid to the said The United States of America, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators or assigns, jointly and severally by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 17th day of November, 1917.

Whereas, lately at the special October, 1917, term of the District Court of The United States for the Western District of Oklahoma, in a suit pending in said Court, between The United States of America, plaintiff, and George G. and Anna Marx La Motte, defendants, decree was rendered against the said defendants, and the said defendants, George G. and Anna Marx La Motte, have obtained an appeal of the said Court, to reverse the decree in the aforesaid suit, and a citation to the said The United States of America, citing and admonishing it to be and appear in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, at the City of St. Louis, sixty days from and after the date of this citation.

Now, the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the



said George G. and Anna Marx La Motte shall prosecute said appeal to effect, and answer all costs if they, or either of them, fail to make good their plea, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

68 Sealed and delivered in the pre-ence of Charles S. Macdonald,

GEO. G. LA MOTTE.

ANN MARX LA MOTTE. [SEAL.]

A. N. RUBLE. [SEAL.]

H. H. BRENNER. [SEAL.]

Signed in the presence of, and acknowledged before me this 17 day of November, 1917.

B. F. MASON,  
*Notary Public.*

[SEAL.]

My Commission Expires Jan. 29, 1920.

Approved by  
JOHN H. COTTERAL,  
*District Judge.*

Endorsed: Filed in District Court Nov. 21, 1917.

*Stipulation Concerning Election and Designation of Records.*

It is stipulated and agreed by the parties to this appeal that the Transcript of Record on appeal in the above numbered case shall be printed under the supervision of the clerk of the U. S. District Court and shall include:

1. The bill with the exhibits thereto attached.
2. Motion to dismiss.
3. Decree of the Court denying the motion to dismiss the bill.
4. The answer of the defendants.
5. Condensed statement of the evidence as allowed and filed herein.
6. Memorandum of rulings as basis for final decree.
7. Final decree.
8. Petition for appeal and order allowing same.
9. Citation and acceptance.
10. Assignment of Errors.
- 69 11. This election and designation.

It is understood that this stipulation as to the record shall supersede all praecipes filed for transcripts.

T. J. LEAHY,  
C. S. MACDONALD,  
*Attorneys for Appellant.*  
REDMOND S. COLE,  
*Assistant United States Attorney  
and Attorney for Appellee.*

Endorsed: Filed in District Court Jan. 10, 1918.

*Order Enlarging Time to Lodge Record in Appellate Court.*

On this 15 day of January, 1918, upon application of the above named defendants, due cause appearing, it is ordered that the time within which the record in the above entitled cause may be lodged in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit be, and the same is hereby enlarged and extended 20 days from January 20th, 1918.

JOHN H. COTTERAL,  
*District Judge.*

Endorsed: No. 215. United States vs. George G. La Motte, et al.  
Order enlarging time to lodge record in appellate court.

Filed Jan. 15, 1918, Arnold C. Dolde, Clerk By M. V. Haws, Deputy.

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*Clerk's Certificate to Transcript.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Western District of Oklahoma:*

I, Arnold C. Dolde, Clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and complete transcript of the pleadings, record and proceedings in said court, in case No. 215. In Equity, wherein The United States of America, is plaintiff, and George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, are defendants, as full, true and complete as the said transcript purports to contain and as called for by the designation and stipulation of the record above set forth.

I further certify that the original citation is hereto attached and returned herewith.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at office in the City of Guthrie, in said District, this 22nd day of January, A. D., 1918.

ARNOLD C. DOLDE, *Clerk,*  
By M. V. HAWS, *Deputy Clerk.*

[Seal of the United States District Court, Western District of Oklahoma.]

Filed Feb. 8, 1918, E. E. Koch, Clerk.

71 (Transcript on Appeal by United States.)

(Citation and Acceptance of Service.)

The United States of America to George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, Greeting:

You are hereby cited and admonished to be and appear in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, at the City of St. Louis, Missouri, sixty days from and after the day this citation bears date, pursuant to an appeal allowed and filed in the Clerk's office of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma, wherein United States of America is appellant and you are appellees to show cause, if any there be, why the decree rendered against the said United States of America as in said appeal mentioned should not be corrected, and why speedy justice should not be done the parties in that behalf.

Witness the Honorable John H. Cottrell Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma this 15 day of March A. D. 1918.

JOHN H. COTTERAL,  
*Judge of the District Court of the United  
States for the Western District of Oklahoma.*

Due and personal service of the within citation is hereby accepted and acknowledged on behalf of the Defendants herein this 19th day of March, A. D. 1918.

T. J. LEAHY.

**T. J. LEAHY,**  
**C. S. MACDONALD,**  
*Attorney for Defendants:*

Endorsed: Filed in the District Court on March 21, 1918.

(Stipulation as to Transcript of Record.)

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District  
of Oklahoma.

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In Equity.

UNITED STATES, Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE and ANNA MARX LA MOTTE, Defendants.

It is stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto, the United States, plaintiff, and George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, defendants, that in the preparation of the printed transcript of record for an appeal herein on behalf

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of the United States the said transcript shall contain only such pleadings and other matters of record as pertain to the appeal of the United States and which are not included in the printed transcript of record for appeal now lodged in the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit by the defendants herein in the case of George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte vs. United States, No. 5099;

It is further stipulated and agreed that the transcript of record on file on the appeal in said case No. 5099 may be used for the purpose of the appeal herein by the United States;

It is further stipulated and agreed that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit shall assign both appeals herein for hearing on the same day.

REDMOND S. COLE,

*Assistant United State Attorney, Attorney for Plaintiff.*

T. J. LEAHY,

C. S. MACDONALD,

*Attorneys for Defendants.*

Endorsed: Filed in the District Court on March 21, 1918.

*(Petition for and Order Allowing Appeal.)*

To the Honorable John H. Cotteral, Judge of the District Court of  
The United States for the Western District of Oklahoma:

The above named plaintiff, feeling itself aggrieved by the decree made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 8th day of November, 1917, does hereby appeal from said order and decree to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, for the reasons specified in Assignment of Errors, which is filed herewith, and it prays that its appeal be allowed and that citation issue as provided by law, and that a transcript of the record, proceedings, and papers upon which said decree was made, duly authenticated, may be sent to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

REDMOND S. COLE,

*Assistant United States Attorney,*

*Attorney for Plaintiff.*

73      The foregoing prayer for an appeal is hereby granted, and  
            appeal allowed.

This 15th day of March, 1918.

JOHN H. COTTERAL,

*Judge of the United States District Court for the  
Western District of Oklahoma.*

Endorsed: Filed in the District Court on March 15, 1918.

*Assignment of Errors.*

Now, on this 15th day of March, 1918, comes the plaintiff, by Redmond S. Cole, Assistant United States Attorney, and says:

That the decree made and entered in the above entitled cause, on the 8th day of November, 1917, wherein the Court denied certain relief prayed for by the plaintiff, is erroneous and unjust to the plaintiff, for the following reasons:

1. That the Court erred in finding that agricultural and grazing leases executed on the lands allotted to minor members of the Osage Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma, by guardians appointed by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, were valid without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and in denying the application of the plaintiff for an injunction restraining the defendants from taking leases on such lands without submitting the same to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

2. That the Court erred in finding that the Government was without authority to maintain a suit for injunction to restrain the defendants from leasing and grazing lands allotted to Jesse James and leased to H. G. Ezell, and in denying the application of the plaintiff for an injunction restraining the defendants from taking leases on such lands or grazing the same without first having obtained a lease from the allottee and having the same approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Wherefore, the plaintiff prays that said decree, insofar as it denied the relief sought by the plaintiff, be reversed, and that the District Court be directed to enter a decree enjoining the defendants, and each of them, from in any manner dealing with leases on the lands of minor members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, without first having

74 said leases prepared, submitted to, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and that the Court be directed to enter a decree enjoining the defendants and each of them, from in any manner leasing or grazing, or exercising any control over the lands mentioned in the bill as allotted to Jesse James, and leased to H. G. Ezell, and from leasing or attempting to lease, or grazing without leases other lands in Osage County of like status and character, allotted to members of the Osage Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

REDMOND S. COLE  
Assistant United States Attorney,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Endorsed: Filed in the District Court on March 15, 1918.

*(Præcipe for and Election as to Printing Transcript.)*

To the Honorable Arnold C. Dolde, Clerk of said Court:

You will please prepare a supplemental transcript of record of appeal in the above numbered cause, and include therein the following papers:

1. Stipulation concerning supplemental transcript for appeal;
2. Petition for appeal on behalf of the United States, and the order allowing same;
3. Assignment of Error by the United States;
4. Citation and service thereof;
5. Præcipe for transcript and designation of the record.

The appellant, United States, elects to have said record printed under the supervision and direction of the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Eighth Circuit, and hereby requests an estimate of the costs and deposits demanded.

REDMOND S. COLE,

*Assistant United States Attorney.*

Endorsed: Filed in the District Court on March 21, 1918.

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*(Clerk's Certificate to Transcript.)*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Western District of Oklahoma, ss:*

I, Arnold C. Dolde, Clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma, do hereby certify the attached and foregoing to be a full, true and complete supplemental transcript of the pleadings, record and proceedings in said court, in case No. 215, In Equity, wherein the United States of America, is plaintiff and George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, are defendants, full, true and complete as the said transcript purports to contain and as called for by the præcipe for supplemental transcript and designation of the record above set forth.

I further certify that the original citation is hereto attached and returned herewith.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at Guthrie in said District, this 22nd day of March, A. D. 1918.

[Seal U. S. Dist. Court West. Dist. of Oklahoma.]

ARNOLD C. DOLDE,

*Clerk.*

By M. V. HAWS,

*Deputy Clerk.*

Filed Mar. 25, 1918. E. E. Koch, Clerk.

76 And thereafter the following proceedings were had in said causes, in the Circuit Court of Appeals, viz:

*(Appearance of Counsel for Appellants in Case No. 5099.)*

United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

No. 5099.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE et al., Appellants,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Clerk will enter my appearance as Counsel for the Appellants.

C. S. MACDONALD.

T. J. LEAHY.

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Feb. 8, 1918.

*(Appearance of Counsel for Appellee in Case No. 5099.)*

The Clerk will enter my appearance as Counsel for the Appellee.

JOHN A. FAIN,

United States Attorney.

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Court Court of Appeals, Feb. 25, 1918.

*(Appearance of Counsel for Appellant in Case No. 5129.)*

No. 5129.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Appellant,

vs.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE et al.

The clerk will enter my appearance as Counsel for the Appellant.

JOHN A. FAIN,

U. S. Att'y.

REDMOND S. COLE,

Asst. U. S. Att'y.

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Mar. 30, 1918.

*(Appearance of Counsel for Appellees in Case No. 5129.)*

The Clerk will enter my appearance as Counsel for the Appellees.

T. J. LEAHY,

C. S. MACDONALD,

Pawhuska, Okla.

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Jun. 3, 1918.



*(Stipulation that Cases May be Briefed and Submitted Together as One Case in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.)*

No. 5099.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE and ANNA MARX LA MOTTE, Appellants,

vs.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Appellee.

No. 5129.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Appellant,

vs.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE and ANNA MARX LA MOTTE, Appellees.

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the above named appellants and appellees that the above named causes, pending in this court, upon appeals from the decision from the United States District Court for The Western District of Oklahoma, and the case of the United States of America, plaintiff, vs. George G. and Anna Marx La Motte, defendants, wherein the court granted in part and denied in part the relief prayed for by the plaintiff. It is agreed that said causes should be consolidated in this court, and briefed as one cause.

It is therefore, stipulated by and between the parties, that agreeably to the court, the above named causes may be consolidated and briefed, argue and submitted together as one case.

REDMOND S. COLE,

*Attorney for U. S.*

T. J. LEAHY,

C. S. MACDONALD,

*Attorney for La Motte & La Motte.*

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Apr. 29, 1918.

( *Order of Submission.* )

September Term, 1918.

Thursday, September 5, 1918.

These causes, being an appeal and cross-appeal, having been called for hearing in their regular order and counsel not being present to make oral argument for either of the parties, the same are thereupon taken by the Court as submitted on the transcript of the record from said District Court and the briefs of counsel filed herein.

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*Opinion.*

United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, December Term, A. D. 1918.

No. 5099.

GEORGE LA MOTTE et al., Appellants,

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Appellee.

Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma.

No. 5129.—December Term, A. D. 1918.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Appellant,

VS.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE et al., Appellees.

Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Mr. T. J. Leahy and Mr. C. S. MacDonald submitted brief for George G. La Motte et al.

Mr. John A. Fain, United States Attorney, and Mr. Redmond S. Cole, Assistant United States Attorney, submitted brief for United States.

Before Carland and Stone, Circuit Judges, and Elliott, District Judge.

STONE, Circuit Judge, delivered the opinion of the Court:

81 Cross appeals from an injunction bill brought by the Government against George G. and Anna Marx La Motte. The purpose of the bill as revealed in the prayer was to prevent the La Mottes from

"entering into any lease, of any kind or character, with any incompetent Osage Indian, and by any means or manner, other than that prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior; and that they be further restrained and enjoined from using, occupying, and exercising any control, and from assigning and sub-leasing any lands informally leased or acquired, as aforesaid, from any incompetent Osage Indian member of the Osage Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma, without first having complied with the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior;"

The basis of the bill was (a) that the La Mottes were dealing and intended to continue to deal in agricultural leases of lands of non-competent Osage Indians without securing the approval of such leases or sub-leases by the Secretary of the Interior and without complying with the rules and regulations of the Secretary concerning such leases; (b) that in so doing and in placing their customers upon such lands they were interfering with and preventing the proper leasing of the lands by the Secretary in accordance with such rules and regulations; (c) that the placing of such customers upon these lands gave rise to numerous trespasses on such lands and also upon other land enclosed within the fencing of the lands so attempted to be controlled by them; (d) that it would require a multitude of suits by the Government to prevent such trespasses and clear these lands of such intruders.

The *modus operandi* of the La Mottes is described as follows:

"That the defendants are pretending to be engaged in the business of leasing Osage Indian lands for the use of various and numerous persons, firms and corporations to graze cattle thereon, and for agricultural purposes;

"That the manner and means of procuring leases for use as aforesaid is, in substance, as follows: that the said defendants will solicit various incompetent Osage Indians to execute a lease upon land allotted to them, which said leases are not in the form prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, but are informal, in that they  
82 do not comply with the provisions of Exhibit 'A' [form of lease required by the Department];

"That the defendants will continue to procure as many leases from as many allottees within a certain prescribed area until said defendants have, under the guise of said leases, obtained in their own name, or in the name of the person whom they represent, a body of land which they cause to be enclosed with fence, and denominate the same a 'pasture'; that this 'pasture' is then leased, or sub-leased, or contracted, to the person, firm or corporation desiring the use of the same to graze cattle thereon and for agricultural purposes; that the said defendants charge said persons, firms or corporations, a large sum of money, and place said persons, firm or corporations, in possession of said land, and thereafter said land are used by said persons, firms or corporations, for grazing purposes and for agricultural purposes, the said defendants guaranteeing to said persons, firms or corporations that they will pay all trespass money and all rentals, and that the defendants will assume all liability to the said persons, firms or corporations, that may be occasioned by the use and occupancy of the said lands as aforesaid;

"That it is not the intention, nor the custom of said defendants to have said leases, so procured from said incompetent Osage Indians, signed, subscribed and sworn to before an officer of the Osage Indian Agency; neither is it the intention nor the custom to submit said leases to the Secretary of the Interior for his consent and approval, but, that, on the contrary, immediately after the procurement of said leases as aforesaid, the said defendants, for a sum stated, proceed to place the person, firm or corporation [designating] to use the said land, in possession.

"The plaintiff alleges that the defendants have, by the aforesaid manner and means, acquired informal leases from incompetent Osage Indians to the amount of approximately twenty-five thousand acres of land, the exact number of which the plaintiff is unable to ascertain, but alleges that it is informed and believes that the number of acres so acquired will far exceed the amount of twenty-five thousand acres.

"The plaintiff alleges that, for a number of years past, the defendants have procured, by the manner and means aforesaid, <sup>82</sup> 'pastures' for H. M. Stondreaker, T. P. Kyger, Lee Russell, Brown & Ellingwood, a partnership, R. H. Chowling, Thompson & Shipman, a partnership, Ross Heaton, and divers other persons, and have placed said persons and firms in possession, and have used and occupied lands belonging to incompetent Osage Indian allottees, for agricultural purposes and for grazing cattle, without complying with the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, as above set out, and without the knowledge or consent of the Secretary of the Interior; and that the defendants have established themselves in a permanent business conducted in the aforesaid manner, and are at the present time procuring, and will continue to procure, leases as aforesaid, for persons, firms and corporations for the aforesaid purposes."

The bill also particularizes as to twenty-six described pieces of property so treated by them.

The answer admits the leasing of "lands in Osage County from Osage Indians and other people for grazing and agricultural purposes." It further says that it leases large bodies of land for grazing purposes adjacent to lands belonging to non-competent Osage Indians and "that in order to lease their own lands \* \* \* \* \* cattle men who desire and demand large acreage; it is necessary for them to agree with such cattle men that they will protect and guarantee them from damages by reason of trespass upon such Indian lands. These defendants deny that they take possession of such lands or that they deliver possession to their own lessee of the same, but merely hold themselves liable for any trespass money that may be due on account of stock running upon the same." The answer then deals with the specifically described tracts raising various questions concerning the authority of the Secretary over grazing and agricultural leases on Osage Indian lands in the different instances here illustrated. The answer concludes with a prayer:

"that the court declare and decree that these defendants may, without any violation of any authorized rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, lease lands from the parents of minor Osages; also lands which are under the control of guardians and administrators duly appointed by the County Court of Osage County,

<sup>84</sup> Oklahoma and lands which are inherited by members of the tribe from deceased members of the tribe, even though such members do [not?] have certificates of competency, without conforming to the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior concerning the leasing of Osage Indian lands and that the court decree that the Secretary of the Interior has no authority

under the law to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the leasing of lands of any of the members of the Osage tribe of Indian and define and determine the authority of the Secretary of the Interior concerning the approval of farming and grazing leases of lands belonging to members of said tribe."

The decree of the court found that the following kinds of leases were invalid without the approval of the Secretary, to-wit, of land of minor allottee by parents one of whom was a white non-member of the tribe; of land of minor allottee by surviving parent; white non-member of the tribe; of land of minor allottee by parents after both of them had received certificates of competency under the Act of June 28, 1906; of land of minor allottee by father after receipt by him of such certificate of competency; of homestead allotment by competent Indian after receipt of certificate of competency under the above statute; of surplus allotment of non-competent adult; by such heirs of lands allotted to non-competent adult heirs (deceased dying intestate August 3, 1907, before selection of land); of surplus land, by non-competent devisee; by a white non-member of the tribe who was grantee under warranty deed from devisee of sole heir of land allotted to said heir as heir of Indian dying before June 28, 1906 (deceased, heir and devisee all being non-competents and devisee receiving under will approval by Secretary providing "All devises of real estate made hereunder are made subject to the condition that the real estate shall not be encumbered or alienated, without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior"). It found to be valid, leases executed by a guardian duly appointed by the County Court, such leases being duly approved by the County Court, on lands of minor allottees; and declared a certain lease would have been valid had it been made by a duly appointed administrator of surplus land allotted to decedent. As to certain lands held in common the decree found as follows: (1) that where the lease was upon land inherited from allottee by his father, to whom a certificate of competency had been issued, and by his mother, to whom no such certificate had been issued. 85 and the father thereafter had lost his interest through foreclosure of a mortgage placed by him thereon and the purchaser thereunder and the mother had executed a lease that the lease was valid as to the interest of the purchaser and void as to that of the mother; (2) that where the land of an infant allottee descended to his father, a non-competent, and to his mother, a white non-member of the tribe, and the father acquire by purchase the mother's interest from her grantee, and subsequently leased the entire land, the lease was valid as to the interest coming through the mother and invalid as to that descending to the father; (3) that where lands descended from a non-competent allottee to five heirs, three of whom were non-competent (one having since died and his estate being in administration) and two had received competency certificates before the inheritance; and the estate had been administered and partition proceedings in progress; and the competent heirs had conveyed their interests to appellants; that appellants were enjoined from leasing the interest of the non-competents or "from occupying or using the

promises, or any part thereof, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior"; (4) that where land descended from a non-competent allottee to three heirs two of which are non-competent and one a non-member of the tribe (lacking enrollment, though apparently a son) and thereafter through the death of the latter his interest descends to one of the other of the above two heirs, his mother, and she sold this latter interest to appellants who occupy and use the land with her consent, the other heir being a minor; that appellants are the owners of the one-third interest purchased but are enjoined from "in any manner occupying or using the said lands, or any portion thereof, or from enclosing same, or in any manner dealing with said lands, or any part thereof, without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, or without procuring a lease upon the undivided one-third [two-thirds?] interest which is restricted." The decree also found that there was no duty on the part of the Government to protect from trespass, not injurious to the freehold, land leased in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior and upon which the lessee was paying the rental due. This was an instance of such land being adjacent to or surrounded by land belonging to appellants which had all been inclosed as a large pasture by an outside fence with no fence between this leased land and that of appellants. The trespass being by grazing cattle. The court denied a motion to dismiss the bill for defect in parties (in that the non-competent Osage Indians were the real and sole parties in interest,) and for lack of equity (in that no grounds for injunctive relief were shown and the existence of an adequate remedy at law by ejectment).

The various assignments of error cover all of the instances presented by the above statement. In their entirety they present for determination the broad questions of the powers and duties generally of the Government in the protection of Osage Indian allottees and land owners and their lessees respecting agricultural and grazing leases and, in particular, the powers and duties of the Secretary of the Interior in that regard.

In dealing with tribal Indians in respect to severalty lands the United States has dual sources of authority. In the first place it may, as owner of the fee, impose such conditions as it sees fit in a grant to the Indian. In the second place it may, as the guardian of a people in a state of pupillage, impose such restrictions as seem advisable for the protection and welfare of such wards in the enjoyment or ownership of their land. The exercise of this latter authority in no way depends upon the former but may operate where the land has passed from all restrictions of the grant. *Brader v. Jones*, 246 U. S. 88; *Tiger v. Western Inv. Co.*, 221 U. S. 286.

As to instances of control through the grant of the lands it is established law (as stated in 14 R. C. L. 131) that:

"In making allotments of tribal lands the federal government has undoubted power to attach conditions to the grant, and it has exercised this power for the purpose of conserving the interests of the Indians by safeguarding the individual ownership of allottees through suitable restrictions designed to secure them in their pos-

cession and to prevent their exploitation, such, for example, as a prohibition against alienation for a specified period, or a requirement that an executive officer of the government shall assent to the execution of a conveyance."

Where the land is allotted in fee with no restrictive reservation, or where under the terms of the treaty or statute the land after resumed allotment passes from under the restriction, its ownership becomes untrammelled so far as governmental supervision extends, unless the allottee, or subsequent holder, is an Indian whose acts in respect to any land, or that character of land, are under governmental guardianship and as such controlled by law.

The Osage Indians are recognized as maintaining a tribal organization and their powers as to alienation of lands held in severalty are governed by the provisions of the Osage Allotment Act of June 28, 1906, (34 Stat. 529). As presented in this court and as found by the trial court the subsequent Act of April 18, 1912, (37 Stat. 86) concerned only two of the tracts of land here involved. In those two instances the Act of 1912 did not affect the result reached by the trial court because one (the Wah-tsa-moie allotment) was a tenancy in common and the other (the Jack Wheeler allotment) was land subject to administration but as to which there had never been any administration. Therefore the controversy is controlled by the Allotment Act of 1906 and what is herein stated refers to that Act unmodified by later legislation. No opinion is ventured as to the effect of later legislation. That Act provided (Secs. 2, 3 and 4) for the allotment of lands to the members of the tribe, subject to reservation to the tribe of all mineral rights therein for 25 years; the allotments to be divided into homestead and surplus lands; the homesteads to be inalienable until further Congressional action; and the surplus lands inalienable for 25 years, except that the Secretary of the Interior might grant to adults certificates of competency empowering them to convey their surplus lands and, after 25 years or the death of such allottees, their homesteads. As it would be impossible for such competent Indian to convey by deed after death that part of the provision must be taken to mean testamentary disposition. It further provided (Sec. 5) that at the expiration of 25 years "the lands, \* \* \* shall be the absolute property of the individual members of the Osage tribe. \* \* \* or their heirs, as herein provided, and deeds to said lands shall be issued to said members, or to their heirs, as herein provided. \* \* \* and said members shall have full control of said lands, \* \* \* except as hereinbefore provided." It then designated (Sec. 6) the law to govern the descent of such lands. Section 7 provides for the use and control of such lands during the restriction period above designated as follows:

"That the lands herein provided for are set aside for the sole use and benefit of the individual members of the tribe entitled thereto, or to their heirs, as herein provided; and said members, or their heirs, shall have the right to use and to lease said lands for farming, grazing, or any other purpose not otherwise specifically provided for herein, and said members shall have full



control of the same, including the proceeds thereof: Provided, That parents of minor members of the tribe shall have the control and use of said minor's lands, together with the proceeds of the same, until said minors arrive at their majority: And provided further, That all leases given on said lands for the benefit of the individual members of the tribe entitled thereto, or for their heirs, shall be subject only to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior."

Section 12 is, "That all thing necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act not otherwise herein specifically provided for shall be done under the authority and direction of the Secretary of the Interior."

The purpose and policy of this Act regarding these lands is clearly expressed. The mineral wealth is reserved for 25 years to the tribe under the strict control and protection of the Secretary, the proceeds thereof to be held in trust by him and distributed to the tribal members or their heirs. The surface is "set aside for the sole use and benefit of the individual members of the tribe, entitled thereto, or to their heirs" for twenty-five years from January 1, 1907. They are not to be diverted from this "use" by encumbrance or alienation except as to surplus lands of adults whom the Secretary has investigated and certified as competent to protect themselves in that regard, and except as to homesteads of such competent Indians which may be devised by them. To secure the full "benefit" to such Indians and their heirs they are permitted to fully control such lands or "farming, grazing or any other purpose not otherwise specifically provided for" in the Act and to control the proceeds from such usage. They may accomplish this through leases but, to prevent overreaching by lessees and the consequent partial or total destruction of the beneficial use designed by the Act, the approval of such leases by the Secretary is required. The only exception to this last statement is in the case of those holding certificates of competency from the Secretary where it is provided that such persons "shall have the right to manage, control, and dispose of his or her lands the same as any citizen of the United States."

Applying this definition of the statute to the various sets of facts determined in the decree of the trial court there results the following; the approval of the Secretary is required to leases of lands held by minors or other non-competents whether the land covered thereby came to such through allotment, descent or devise provided the land was allotted under the above statute. The circumstance that such lease was arranged by a parent, guardian or administrator who might or might not be a non-member of the tribe or a member competent to manage his own affairs or that the lease may have been approved by the State County Court is of no consequence because the statute specifically requires the protection afforded by the approval of the Secretary. The above application applies to all of such sets of facts except those of a lease by a competent allottee of his surplus lands or homestead and of leases by competent or non-members of the tribe who were tenants in common with non-competents. As to the former the statute provides that the

homestead can not be alienated but it seems clear that such competent Indian, through the "right to manage, control and dispose of his or her lands the same as any citizen of the United States," expressly given by the statute, can make such leases without the approval of the Secretary.

As to instances where the land is held by tenants in common, part of whom are non-competent and part competent or non-members of the tribe a more perplexing situation is presented. Each of such tenants is, under the ordinary rules of tenancy in common, entitled to ingress, egress and possession of the land and to a proper share of the benefits from the usage of the land. Such rights may be transferred by those legally capable of acting for themselves in such matters. But these considerations must bow to the requirements of the statute. Tenancy in common does not change a non-competent into a competent Indian nor in any wise increase the power of such to deal with his interest in land so held. On the other hand to permit the competent tenant to lease or use the entire tract or any undivided portion thereof, even though he accounted to the non-competent tenant for his just portion, would completely obliterate that protection of supervision and approval which the statute carefully lodges in the Secretary alone. Therefore, the conclusion seems necessary that no lease of any part or interest in Osage Indian

90 land held in common where one or more of such tenants in common are non-competents can be made without the approval of the Secretary. Only through such a conclusion can the protection required by the statute be preserved. Apparent injustice to the competent or non-member tenant can not prevail against the statute and such result is easily avoidable through the definite separation of land among the tenants through partition in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1912, Section Six. 37 Stat. 86.

Another situation is presented by some of the above sets of facts and requires notice. That is where allotted lands have come through descent, devise or purchase to non-competents from or through competents or non-members of the tribe. The provisions of Section 2, Paragraph Seven give full power of alienation of surplus lands to competents and make such subject to taxation. The homestead if such is made inalienable and non-taxable for twenty-five years "or during the life of the homestead allottee." These provisions show the legislative intention that all restrictions are removed from the surplus lands and, after 25 years or the death of the allottee, from the homestead. In short, that such restrictions do not follow the land into whosoever hands it may pass. But this determination is not conclusive of the right of alienation or leasing by a non-competent Osage Indian who may succeed to or acquire the title to such land. As stated earlier in this opinion the Government, through its power and duty of wardship over a people in a state of pupillage, may protect them in the disposition of allotted lands coming to them without restriction. Such were the cases of *Brader v. James*, 246 U. S. 88 and *Tiger v. Western Investment Co.*, 221 U. S. 286. The question is, therefore, has the Government retained its control over the disposition by non-competent Osage Indians of Osage lands no

matter from what source those lands came to such non-competent? If such control is retained it must be found in the Act now under consideration. The Act contemplates the continuation of the tribal government; the supervision of the valuable mineral rights (retained in the tribe) by the Government for 25 years; the holding in trust by the Government of tribal funds for 25 years; the absolute inalienability by non-competents for 25 years of surplus lands and of homesteads until further provision by law; the specific requirement that "all leases given on said lands for the benefit of  
 91 the individual members of the tribe entitled thereto, or for their heirs, shall be subject only to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior;" the setting aside of these lands "for the sole use and benefit of the individual members of the tribe entitled thereto, or to their heirs, as herein provided." In the Brader and Tiger cases, the Act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 137), which dealt broadly with the Five Civilized Tribes, was reviewed. Both that and the Osage Allotment Act were passed by the same session of Congress. The Supreme Court in those cases determined that the provisions of that law showed a Congressional intention to retain control over the disposition of lands by the class of Indians there involved. A comparison of those provisions, as discussed and construed in those opinions, with the provisions of the Act here in question shows a similarity as to many of them and, in our judgment, a stronger situation here where there is dissimilarity. We, therefore, conclude that Congress intended to and did in this Act retain for 25 years such control over the Osage lands of non-competent Osage Indians from whatever source they were derived.

Another question is whether the Secretary has authority under this Act to prescribe and enforce Rules and Regulations and Forms of Leases respecting the leasing of lands of non-competents. We read the requirement that such leases "shall be subject only to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior" to mean that they are valid only when approved by him. The Secretary acts in such matters as the protector of the Indians' welfare. He can withhold such approval for any reason that seems to him meritorious. These lands comprise many thousands of acres. It was to be expected, as has proved true, that upon so much land and over a period of 25 years there would be many hundreds of these leases presented for his approval. It would seem the most natural procedure for the Secretary to work out and make public the general requirements he deemed necessary for the protection of such Indians and, therefore, for the procurement of his approval. Such would be a great saving to him in the convenient and speedy performance of his duties in this respect and a like saving of delay and uncertainty to those desiring to procure such leases. In fact, such a procedure would seem a necessity to the proper performance by him of such a trust. This  
 92 action is expressly authorized by Section 12 which is: "That all things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act not otherwise herein specifically provided for shall be done under the authority and direction of the Secretary of the Interior."

There remains for our consideration the determination of the trial court that the Government was without authority to maintain an injunction to restrain the La Mottes from leasing or grazing land leased by the allottee to H. G. Ezell. The facts are that Ezell is the valid lessee under the approval of the Secretary; that he has paid the full consideration therein required to the allottee; that the La Mottes have not attempted to lease such premises; that their lessees of other adjacent lands owned or controlled by them permit cattle to pass on and graze the unfenced leasehold held by Ezell. Such trespass does not injure the freehold nor affect the allottee lessor. The wrong is to Ezell alone and he has a legal remedy and he alone. The Government is not concerned in and has no authority to protect such interest of Ezell.

There is a clear ground of equitable interference by the Government stated in the bill in that leases made contrary to the statute cast clouds upon the title which the Government holds in trust for the Indians.

The order is that the decree be modified in accordance with the terms of this opinion and as thus modified affirmed. The costs in the court below to be assessed against the La Mottes.

Filed January 30, 1919.

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(Decree.)

United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, December Term, 1918.

Thursday, January 30, 1919.

No. 5099.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE and ANNA MARX LA MOTTE, Appellants,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

No. 5129.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Appellant,

vs.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE and ANNA MARX LA MOTTE.

Appeals from the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma.

These causes came on to be heard on the transcripts of the records from the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma, and were argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, it is now here ordered, adjudged and decreed by this Court, that the decree of the said District Court, in

these causes, be, and the same is hereby, modified in accordance with the terms of the opinion of this Court, and that as thus modified the decree of the said District Court in these causes be, and the same is hereby, affirmed without costs to either party in this Court; the costs in the said District Court to be assessed against the Defendants, George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte.

January 30, 1919.

94     *(Petition of George G. La Motte et al, for Appeal to Supreme Court, U. S. and Allowance Thereof.)*

Come now George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, appellants in the above entitled cause No. 5099, and appellees in the above entitled cause No. 5129, and represent and show that they appealed from a decree of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, and brought up the entire record in the case of George G. La Motte, et al., Appellants, vs. United States of America, the same being No. 5099, and that a cross-appeal was filed and allowed by and on behalf of the United States of America, Appellant, vs. George G. La Motte, et al., the same being No. 5129, above mentioned; that but one decree was rendered in the Court below and both appeals grow out of the same case, and a stipulation was entered into and filed by which it was agreed that the record in case No. 5129 should contain only such pleadings and other matter of record as pertained to the appeal of the United States and which was not included in the printed transcript of the record for appeal at the time lodged in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in case No. 5099 above mentioned.

It is further represented that on April 29, 1918, a stipulation was filed in the office of the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit by which it was agreed that the above mentioned appeals should be consolidated and briefed as one case, and in accordance therewith the Court heard the cross-appeal in case No. 5129 together with the appeal in case No. 5099, and said appeals were so treated by the Court, and on the 30th day of January, 1919, of the December Term, 1918, said Court rendered and entered a decree and judgment affirming in part the judgment of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, and reversing and modifying same in part.

Your petitioners, George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, appellants in case No. 5099 and appellees in case No. 5129, feeling

aggrieved by the above mentioned decree so rendered and entered by this Court on January 30, 1919, do hereby appeal from said decree to the Supreme Court of the United States for the reasons set forth in the assignment of errors filed herewith, and they pray that their appeal be allowed and that citation be issued as provided by law, and that a transcript of the entire record, proceedings and documents in both of the cases above mentioned, to wit: George G. La Motte, et al., Appellants, vs. United States of America, No. 5099, and United States of America, Appellant, vs. George G. La Motte, et al., No. 5129, upon which the decree and judgment of

this Court was based, duly authenticated, be sent to the Supreme Court of the United States sitting at Washington, D. C., under the rules of such court in such cases made and provided, and your petitioners further pray that the proper order relating to the security required of them be made.

T. J. LEAHY,

C. S. MACDONALD,

*Attorneys for Appellants, George G.*

*La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte.*

Appeal allowed upon giving bond required by law in the sum of \$2000.00.

KIMBROUGH STONE,

*Circuit Judge.*

Approved April 19, 1919.

KIMBROUGH STONE,

*Circuit Judge.*

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Apr. 21, 1919.

*(Assignment of Errors of George G. La Motte et al. on Appeal to Supreme Court U. S.)*

Come now George G. and Anna Marx La Motte by their solicitors T. J. Leahy, Esq., and C. S. Macdonald, Esq., and say that the decree rendered and entered in the above entitled causes on the 30th day of January, 1919, against the appellants, George G. and Anna Marx La Motte, and in favor of the United States of America, is erroneous and unjust to them for the following reasons:

First. The Court erred in modifying the judgment of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma in favor of appellants, by which judgment the lower court held that a lease upon minor Osage allottee lands made by a duly appointed qualified guardian and approved by the County Court was valid without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and in holding that such lease required the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Second. The Court erred in affirming the judgment of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma in favor of the appellee and against the appellants.

Third. The Court erred in not reversing the decree of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma restraining the defendants from leasing lands as described in the decree.

Fourth. The Court erred in holding that there was a clear ground for equitable interference by the Government under the allegations of the bill.

Fifth. The Court erred in modifying the decree of the lower Court and affirming the decree of the lower court as modified, and in holding and decreeing that leases made by a guardian duly appointed by the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, and said leases being approved by said Court, were invalid without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Sixth. The Court erred in holding that the Osage Allotment Act of June 28, 1906 (34 Statutes at Large, page 539), governed and controlled the questions at issue in this cause and that the Act of April 18, 1912 (37 Statutes at Large, Page 86), did not affect the questions at issue and was not controlled as to the guardianship leases in question and as to the questions upon lands acquired under will duly approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions of the Act of April 18, 1912.

Seventh. The Court erred in not holding in favor of appellants and in decreeing that leases made by the parents of Osage minor allottees where one parent is a white person and not a member of the tribe and the other parent a member of the tribe and having a certificate of competency are invalid unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior and in affirming the judgment of the lower court enjoining the appellants from occupying or leasing such lands without such approval.

Eighth. The Court erred in affirming the decree of the lower Court against appellants and holding that the lease held by appellants upon lands allotted to minor members of the Osage Tribe of Indians, which leases were executed by the mothers of said members, the mothers being white persons and non-members of the tribe, and the fathers of said members being dead, were invalid, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and erred in granting an injunction in said cause.

Ninth. The Court erred in affirming the judgment of the lower court in enjoining the defendants from dealing with lands allotted to Walter Harvey upon which the appellants have a lease from a white person owning an undivided one-half interest therein and a non-competent Indian owning the other one-half interest, which lease was not approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and erred in holding that appellants could not use any part of said lands.

Tenth. The Court erred in affirming the decree of the lower Court against the appellants and in favor of appellee enjoining appellants from in any manner dealing with or occupying any portion of the lands in which appellants own undivided interest without a lease duly approved by the Secretary of the Interior from their tenants in common who were non-competent Indians.

Eleventh. The Court erred in affirming the judgment of the lower court enjoining the appellants from occupying or in any manner dealing with their undivided interest in lands allotted to a non-competent member of the Osage Tribe of Indians where such member died leaving competent and non-competent heirs at law, the appel-



lants having purchased the interest of the competent heirs, the same being a four-ninths interest in said lands, and which land was the subject of a petition suit pending in the District Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, at the time the injunction was granted, and erred in holding that the appellants could not in any manner deal with any interest in said lands by way of using or leasing their interest without a lease approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Twelfth. The Court erred in affirming the decree of the lower Court in holding against the appellants and in favor of appellee in enjoining appellants from using or occupying the Northeast Quarter of Section Fifteen (15), Township Twenty-eight (28), Range Six (6), in Osage County, Oklahoma, and in holding the lease of the appellants invalid on said land without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and erred in affirming the lower court and in holding that the will of Jack Wheeler, which will was duly approved by the Secretary of the Interior and filed for probate, was not a removal of restrictions upon the alienation of the lands, and erred in holding that the United States had any interest in said lands which would warrant appellee in maintaining the suit, and erred in affirming the judgment of the lower court and holding that the devisee under said will, she being a non-competent member of the Osage Tribe of Indians acquired said lands subject to the restrictions provided for in the Act of Congress of June 28, 1906, against the alienation and that said devisee could not deal with said lands or alienate same without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Thirteenth. The Court erred in affirming the decree of the lower court against the appellants and in favor of appellee, enjoining the appellants from occupying or using, or in any manner dealing with the Northeast Quarter of Section Nine (9), Township Twenty-five (25), Range Seven (7), described in the bill without the consent or approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and erred in holding that the United States had any authority or interest in said lands sufficient to maintain this suit, and erred in holding that lands allotted to the heirs of deceased members of the Osage Tribe of Indians were in any manner restricted or that the heirs at law could not alienate said lands without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and erred in holding that the restrictions against alienation under the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1906 (34 Statutes at Large, page 539)

applied to such lands and the Court further erred in affirming the decree of the lower court in holding that the will of Kallwah-e, which will was duly approved by the Secretary of the Interior and duly probated in the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, and the estate administered upon under the Act of Congress of June 28, 1912 (37 Statutes at Large, page 36), by the terms of which will and by the judgment of the County Court of Osage County, Oklahoma, the lessor of the above described lands acquired same was not a removal of restriction, and that the lessor of said lands could not deal with same without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and that a lease by the devisee of said land under said will to the appellants was void unless approved by the



Secretary of the interior; that under the Act of Congress approved April 18, 1912 (37 Statutes at Large, page 36), the Secretary had authority to prescribe terms or require the testator to incorporate a clause in the will prohibiting the devisee from alienating said lands, and erred in holding that the clause in said will had the legal effect of preventing the devisee from legally conveying their interest in said property, as devised, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and erred in holding that the clause in said will No. 15 was of any force or effect whatever.

Fourteenth. The Court erred in holding that the Government has retained control over all lands allotted under the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1906 (34 Statutes at Large, page 539), and in holding that a non-competent member of the Osage Tribe of Indians cannot deal with, dispose of or alienate any lands allotted under said Act of Congress no matter from what source those lands came to such non-competent member without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and the Court erred in holding that the controversy is controlled by the said Act of Congress and not by the Act of Congress of April 18, 1912 (37 Statutes at Large, page 86), and the Court erred in holding that the restrictions were not upon the lands but upon the person and that a non-competent Indian acquiring unrestricted lands by will could not lease said unrestricted lands without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Fifteenth. The judgment and decree is both contrary to law and equity.

100 Wherefore, appellants pray that said decree be reversed and that said United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit be ordered to enter a decree reversing the decision of the lower court in said cause.

T. J. LEAHY,  
C. S. MACDONALD,

*Attorneys for Appellees, George G. La Motte  
and Anna Marx La Motte.*

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Apr 21, 1919.

*Affidavit as to Amount in Controversy.*

STATE OF MISSOURI,  
City of St. Louis, ss:

C. S. Macdonald, of lawful age, upon being duly sworn on oath duly says that he is and was at the time of the institution of the above entitled suit one of the attorneys for George G. and Anna Marx La Motte, that the said parties have leases upon the lands in question covered by the decree in the above entitled causes and have paid out a large amount of money for said leases; and that the amount involved in this litigation at this time and at the time of

the institution of said suit in the District Court exceeds the sum of \$1,000.00, and at all times since this litigation was instituted the same involved much more than the sum of \$1,000.00.

C. S. MACDONALD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1919.

SEAL.]

E. E. KOCH,

*Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals  
for the Eighth Circuit.*

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Apr. 21, 1919.

101 (*Bond of George G. La Motte et al. on Appeal to Supreme Court U. S. in Case No. 50000.*)

No. 50000.

GEORGE G. and ANNA MARX LA MOTTE, Appellants,

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Appellee.

Know all men by these presents:

That we, George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, as principals, and A. N. Ruble and H. H. Brenner, as sureties, are firmly bound unto the United States of America in the full and just sum of Two Thousand Dollars, (\$2,000.00), to be paid to the said United States of America, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators or assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 19th day of April, 1919.

Whereas, lately at the December, 1908 Term of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, for the Eighth Circuit, in a suit pending in said Court between George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, appellants, and the United States of America, appellee, a decree was rendered against the appellants, and the said George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte have obtained an appeal of the Court to reverse the decree in the aforesaid suit, and a citation to the United States of America, citing and admonishing it to be and appear in the Supreme Court of the United States, at the City of Washington, D. C., thirty days after the date of this citation.

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the said George G. and Anna Marx La Motte shall prosecute said appeal to effect, and answer all costs, if they, or either of them fail to make

good their plea, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE.  
ANNA MARX LA MOTTE.  
H. H. BRENNER.  
A. S. RUBLE.

102      Sealed and delivered in the presence of  
TIMOTHY J. LEAHY AND  
CHARLES S. MACDONALD.

Signed in the presence of, and acknowledged before me this 19th day of April, 1919.

[SEAL.]

MINNIE McLAUGHLIN,  
*Notary Public.*

My commission expires Oct. 31st, 1921.

Approved April 19, 1919.

KIMBROUGH STONE,  
*Circuit Judge.*

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Apr. 21, 1919.

(Bond of George G. LaMotte et al. on Appeal to Supreme Court U. S. in Case No. 5129.)

No. 5129.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Appellee,

vs.

GEORGE G. and ANNA MARX LA MOTTE, Appellants,

Know all men by these presents:

That we, George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, as principals and A. S. Ruble and H. H. Brenner, as sureties, are firmly bound unto the United States of America in the full and just sum of Two Thousand — (\$2,000.00), to be paid to the said the United States of America, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, or  
103 assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 19th day of April, 1919.

Whereas, lately, at the December, 1918 Term of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, for the Eighth Circuit, in a suit pending in said Court between the United States of America, appellant, and George G. and Anna Marx La Motte appellees, a decree was rendered against the appellees, and the said George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte have obtained an appeal of the Court to reverse the decree in the aforesaid suit, and a citation to the United States of

America, citing and admonishing it to be and appear in the Supreme Court of the United States, at the City of Washington, D. C., thirty days after the date of this citation.

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the said George G. La Motte and Anna Marx Lamotte shall prosecute said appeal to effect, and answer all costs, if they, or either of them fail to make good their plea, then the above obligation to be void, do to remain in full force and virtue.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE.  
ANNA MARX LA MOTTE.  
H. H. BRENNER.  
A. N. RUBLE.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of  
TIMOTHY J. LEAHY AND  
CHARLES S. MACDONALD.

Signed in the presence of and acknowledged before me this 19th day of April, 1919.

[SEAL.]

MINNIE McLAUGHLIN,  
*Notary Public.*

My commission expires Oct. 31, 1921.

Approved April 19, 1919.

KIMBROUGH STONE.

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Apr. 2, 1919.

104 (*Præcipe for Transcript on Appeal to Supreme Court U. S.*)

To the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit:

You will please include in the transcript on appeal in the above entitled causes, the following parts of the record.

1st. The entire records on appeal and cross appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

2nd. Appearances of Counsel.

3rd. Stipulation that the two cases may be briefed and submitted as one case.

3a. Order of Submission.

4th. Opinion of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

5th. Decree of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

6th. Petition for appeal to Supreme Court, U. S., and allowance thereof.

7th. Assignment of Errors on Appeal to Supreme Court, U. S.

7a. Affidavit as to amount involved in suit.

8th. Bonds on appeal to Supreme Court, U. S.

9th. Citation on appeal to Supreme Court U. S., with proof of service.

10th. Appellants' privilege of records for Supreme Court, with proof of service.

T. J. LEAHY,  
C. S. MACDONALD,  
*Attorneys for George G. La Motte et al.*

(Endorsed:) Filed in U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Apr. 2, 1919.

United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

No. 5059.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE et al., Appellants,

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma.

No. 5129.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Appellant,

VS.

GEORGE G. LA MOTTE et al.

Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma.

*Citation.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

To the United States of America, Greeting:

You are hereby cited and admonished to be and appear at a Supreme Court of the United States, at Washington, D. C., within forty days from and after the date hereof, pursuant to an appeal allowed and filed in the Clerk's office of the United States Circuit

*Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, wherein George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte are Appellants and you are Appellee, in above cause, if and there be, why the decree rendered against the said appellants as in said appeal mentioned should not be reversed and why speedy justice should not be done to the parties in this behalf.*

Witness the Honorable Kimbrough Stone, United States Circuit Judge in and for the Eighth Circuit, this 19 day of April, A. D. 1919.

**KIMBROUGH STONE,**  
*United States Circuit Judge  
for the Eighth Circuit.*

1000 Complete legal service of the within citation on appeal, together with process, by delivery to me at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on this day, of a true, full and perfect copy thereof, is hereby accepted.

Dated at Oklahoma City, this 24th day of April, 1919.

**JOHN A. FAIN,**  
*U. S. District Attorney in and for the  
Western Federal District of Oklahoma,  
and Attorney for the United States of  
America in the Above-entitled Case.*

[Endorsed:]

U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

No. 5099.

George G. La Motte et al.

vs.

United States of America.

No. 5129.

United States of America, Appellant.

vs.

George G. La Motte et al.

Attention on Appeal to Supreme Court, U. S., and Acceptance of Service.

Filed May 19, 1919, E. E. Koch, Clerk.

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*(Clerk's Certificate.)*

United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

T. E. E. Koch, Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the transcript of the record from the District Court of the United

States for the Western District of Oklahoma, as prepared, printed and certified by the Clerk of said District Court to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved February 13, 1911, in the case of George G. La Motte, et al., Appellants, vs. The United States of America, No. 5099, and the transcript of record from the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma, as prepared and printed, under the rules of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, under the supervision of its Clerk, in the case of the United States of America, Appellant, vs. George G. La Motte, et al., No. 5129, and also full, true and complete copies of the pleadings, record entries and proceedings, including the opinion, had and filed in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, prepared in accordance with the precept of George G. La Motte, et al., except the full captions, titles and endorsements omitted in pursuance of the rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, as full, true and complete as the originals of the same remain on file and of record in my office.

I do further certify that the original citation with acceptance of service is hereto attached and herewith returned.

I do further certify that on the second day of April, A. D. 1919, a mandate was issued out of said Circuit Court of Appeals in said cause, directed to the Judges of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, at office in the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, this Twenty-first day of May, A. D. 1919.

[Seal United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.]

E. E. KOCH,

*Clerk of the United States Circuit Court  
of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.*

Endorsed on cover:

File No. 27155. U. S. Circuit Court Appeals, 8th Circuit. Term No. 400. George G. La Motte and Anna Marx La Motte, appellants, vs. The United States of America. Filed June 3, 1919. File No. 27155.